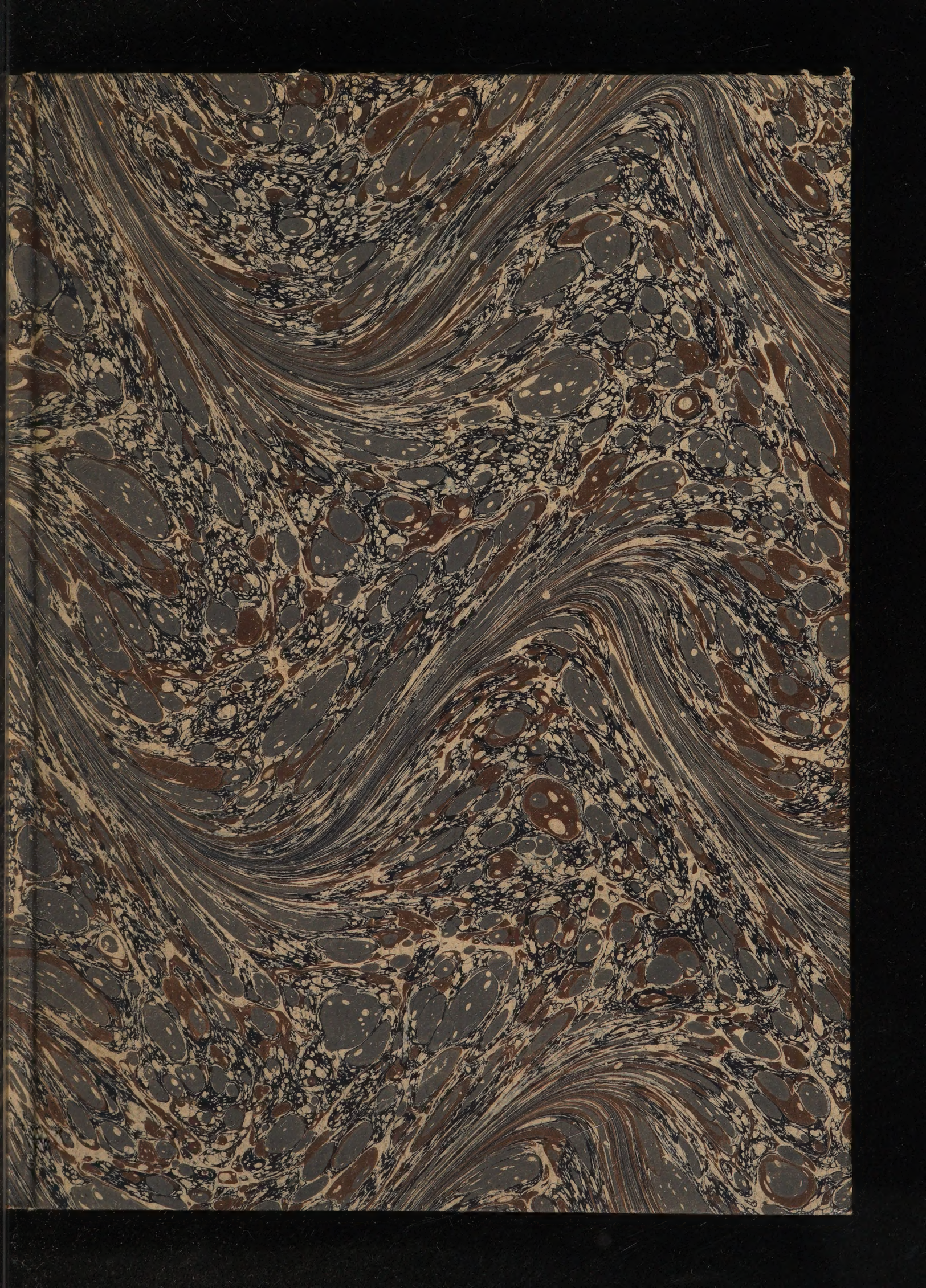

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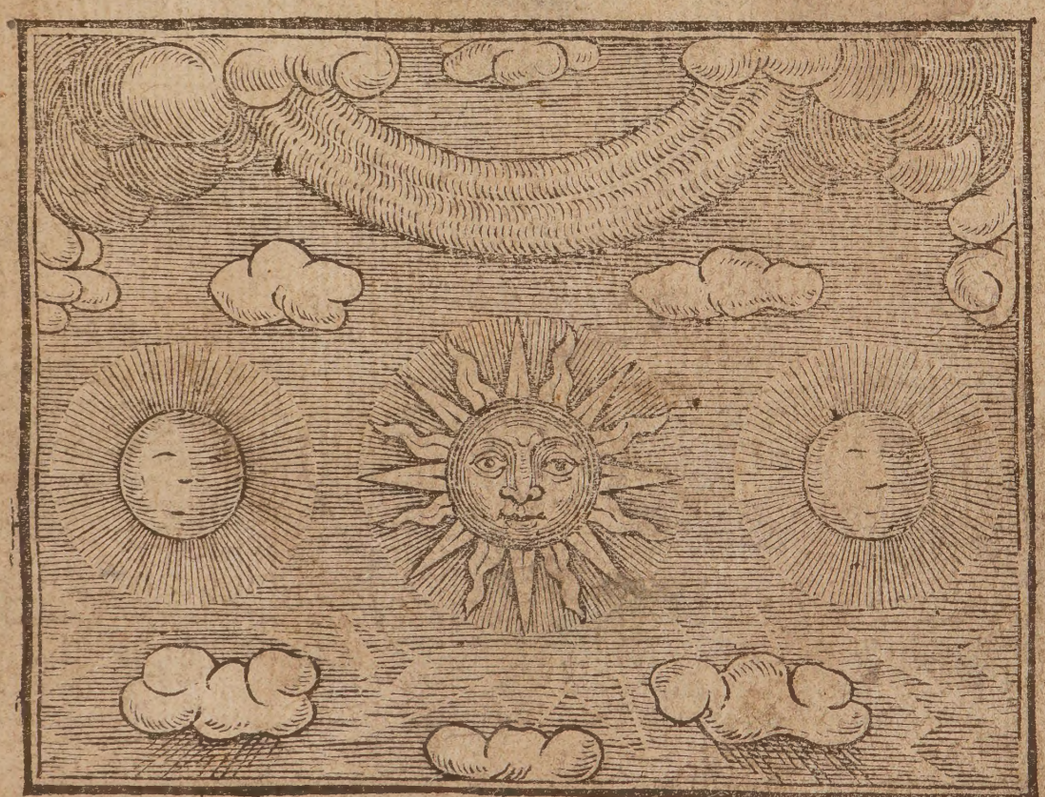

The effects of the Eclips of the Sun, which will be viſible in ENGLAND, 11. *Auguſt.* 1645. whoſe influence continues in force, from *January*, 1646 to *Decemb.* 1647. almoſt two whole yeares; and cannot but be the fore-runner of ſome extraordinary mutation in moſt Common-wealths of *Europe*, but principally in ENGLAND. *With an Anſwer to an Aſtrologicall Judgement. Printed at* Oxford, *upon his Majeſties preſent March.*

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# To his truly Honoured Friend, Master JOHN THOMPSON, of the *City* of LONDON *Merchant.*

SIR,

AS in those more painfull imployments you formerly underwent in Transmarine parts you did with great fidelitie, courage, and industry for sundry yeers, mannage the affaires of our *English* Merchants intrusted to your care and discretion: So now in this your present retirement, your continuall Study makes it manifest, you act not the part of a young man (though your yeeres speake you not aged) but like a wise man (that ever husbands Time with advantage) You enrich your minde with Knowledge, Converse amongst Studies, and with Authors of wisedome, that hereafter you may be more serviceable to your Country as opportunitie shall present you with a fit occasion: I shall not neede acquaint the World, that you have (as we say changed heaven) and lived not further then five

degrees from the Æquinoctiall; yet have you ſtill remained your ſelfe, and twice returned *Statu quo*, bettered by your travells.

This little Treatiſe (of leſſe worth then I wiſh it) I preſent unto you, and deſire your peruſall by way of Recreation, (I am not ſingular in Dedicating a ſmall thing to a worthy Friend: *Iohn Dee* a moſt Learned man Dedicated his *Aphorijmes* to *Gerard Mercator* a man famous, and they conſiſted of leſſe then ſixe ſheets.)

Wearied I ſay with more weighty Studies, run over this, and the rather, becauſe its the firſt in this kinde ever wrote by any: and you can judge whether 'tis well or ill done, and few elſe: Your ſelfe have ſeene it in looſe papers, from the beginning, middle, and to the end of it, are able to teſtifie its my owne, I borrowed it from no man, (that impertinent Traveller ſpoake by Authority, who hoodwinked in judgement, bleated openly that others performed my Worke, yet he never ſaw me.)

Sir, Favour me with as much love in Receiving it humanely, as I in Affection tender it unto You, and You engage me to reſt,

*Your Reall* Friend,

WILLIAM LILLY.

# To the Reader.

*Before I speake any thing of that prodigious Apparition of the three Suns in the Elements, I will acquaint thee with as rare a Progedy which happened in* Cheshire.

*When first our unnaturall Wars began, and that it was apparent, Warre would be betwixt King and Parliament,* Sir George Booth *Knight and Barronet of a Noble Family in* Cheshire, *and one excellently deserving of the whole Kingdome for his fidelity to the Parliament, and without whose countenance our affaires in those parts could not so happily have succeeded: this gallant old Knight perceiving, that many of his Tennants were necessarily to engage their persons, for better incouragement of them, he seriously professed unto them, that if any Tennant or Tennants sonne of his, servant or any other that was any of the lives in any the Leases made by him or any of his Family, should casually be slaine in this unnaturall warre in defence of the Parliament, Religion and Subjects Liberties, that then he would make a new Lease* Gratis, *and insert any younger life in Liew thereof, which thing he hath constantly and freely performed ever since to his eternall fame aud honour, and if this be not worthy of especiall taking notice of, I know nothing; Nor let us forget the singular valour of his*

## To the Reader.

*Noble Grandchilde Collonell* Booth *during the ſiege of* Nantwich *againſt the Engliſh Iriſh.*

### But to our owne Diſcourſe.

*If there be any of ſo preuaricate a judgement, as to thinke that the apparition of theſe three* Suns *doth intimate no Novell thing to happen in our owne Climate, where they were manifeſtly viſible, I ſhall lament their indiſpoſition and conceiue their braines to be ſhallow, and voyde of underſtanding, humanity, or notice of common Hiſtory: For full ſatisfaction of ſuch unbeleeuing Saints, I haue produced preſidents, not one or two, but many, and thoſe recorded by men of unqueſtionable Credit. When was it knowne, that ſuch like unuſuall ſights appeared, and were not the fore-runners of things to come, yet ſeldome regarded before the things they ſignifyed came to paſſe.*

*I am of this opinion, the Heauens neuer ſend forth any great ſignes, which haue not a particular relation to ſome great perſonages: for doubtleſſe they are the Vniuerſall cauſe (God permitting) of all things; and whileſt they produce effects; which ſeeme to haue relation to one onely: if he be a Prince, it hath an Vniuerſall operation, for people are partakers with their Princes, in their gaines, loſſes, vertues and vices, and this is the reaſon why many times our predictions doe not jumpe in that meaſure of time by us limited; for actions are not done by their Agents in an inſtant, diſpoſitions precede them, &c. Beſides, great alterations require great influences, which when they cauſe great diuerſity in their working,*

*working, happen not becauſe the influences are diuers, but becauſe they are diuerſe that receiue them.*

*Read me with indifferency, and poyſe me with an equall judgement, I write with no prepared gall, no not againſt Maſter* Noworth *of* Oxford, *who borrowes the groſſe of his judgement in his laſt Almanack from my Prophetick* Merlin, *nor am I angrie, but pitty that woodden Doctour whether Atheiſt or Papiſt I know not, that ſwells with his owne ignorant fancy, and ſayth, he can make it appeare, what I ſpeake in behalfe of the Parliament, in point of Art ought to happen to their enemies; this is one of thoſe purblind Prophets, that in corners villifie the Parliaments Freinds, and yet they uncontrolled harbour amidſt us, &c. but this thing called a Galeniſt I let paſſe, untill his capacity can erect a figure, &c. Many and great are the judgements ready to fall downe upon ſome great Families of England and Europe, but unleſſe an Angell, nay if an Angell from Heaven ſhould report it, nothing will be beleeved: an* Achan *and an* Achitophell, *or faction equivalent, both covetous and irreligious, and countenancing for by-reſpects, unworthy men have wearied my Pen, diſheartned the Gentry to our inevitable loſſe, and impoveriſhment of the poore Commonallty, and deſtruction of thoſe townes ſo unluckely committed to their charge: Let the towne of* Leiceſter *be hereof an unlucky preſident, which hath beene theſe theee yeares fortifying, and now on the ſuddain tranſmitted to his Majeſties forces. What became of the vaſt ſummes of money there rayſed? why the valiant Gentlemen diſplaced? and men of inferiour ranke*

exalted

*exalted? who gives any reason? unlesse it was purposely done to betray the Towne to our enemies, or by losse of that to prolong the warres another yeare. You shall see if his Majesties Providence fortifie not that towne in lesse monthes then we in years; It must be discovered who, or whom have played the plaine knaves with us, or else we shall never be at quiet. Many complaine the taxes of that County have exceeded the Incombes of Rent. Thus Division, willfull Faction, a scabbie Sect of covetous Sectaries undoe us, and disparage our Parliaments proceedings; but let it be remembred, his Majesties Pressures first begot courage in us to resist him: I hope those Divells that undo us will shortly be found out, till then, if we thrive its miraculous. God grant our Parliament in time may purge the Counties of all Schismaticall, who alone doe them more mischeife then his Majesties Army: Discontented that the Gentry are no more respected, I will ingage no further at this time.*

*Its true, we gained* Shrewesbury, *and when the eyes of all Well-wishers looked upon Colonell* Mitton, *a most beloved, active, and deserving Gentleman to be Governour thereof,* En & Ecce, *no such thing;*

Sic vos non vobis.
Sic vos non vobis.

*Time will make us see how we abuse and are abused, many can preach that connot fight;*

WILLIAM LILLY.

Without Temple Bar *London*, at the Corner House over against *Stranbridge*.

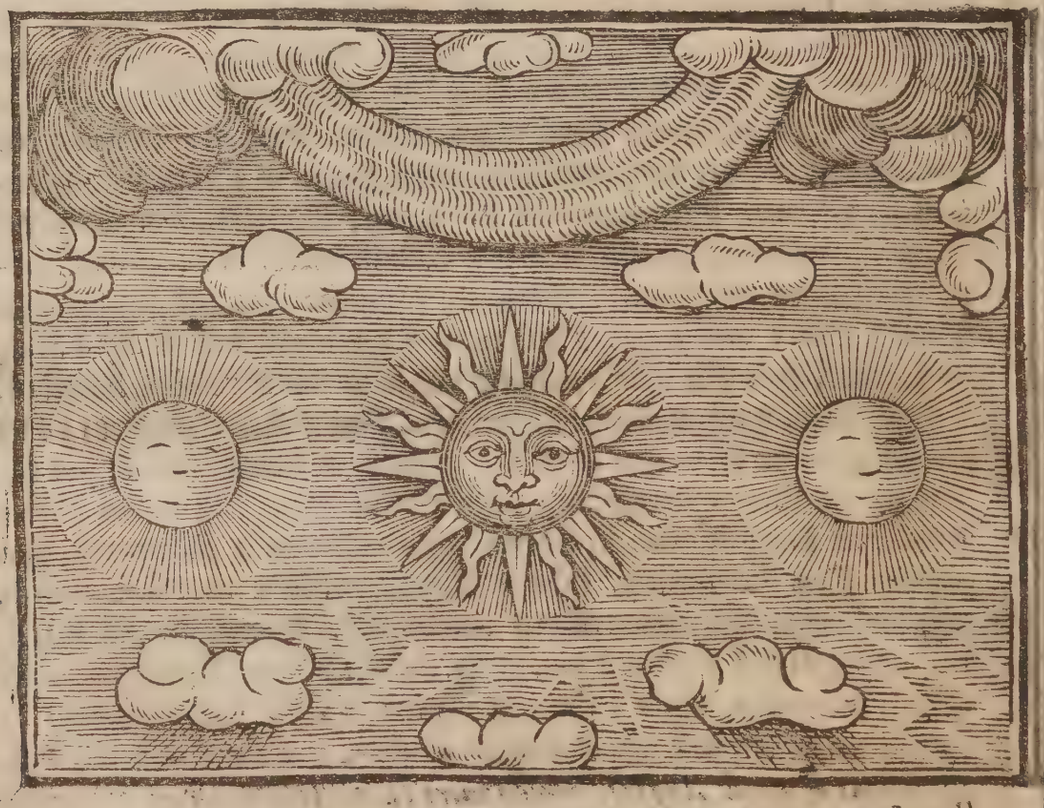
# *An Interpretation, or Declaration, what manner of Accidents may enſue upon the three* Suns *which appeared in* England *the* 19. *of* November, 1644. *(it being his Majeſties Birth-day) by* William Lilly.

It's far from my intention, to make the ſignification of this extraordinary Prodigie more ominous, becauſe it had its appearance with us on the ſame day 44 yeare that his Majeſty was borne, and uſhers in, as it were the actions of his 45 yeare. I humbly deſire his Majeſty would be pleaſed to take ſome notice hereof; for I conceive he may be hereby much concerned; and the rather, as he is one of the prime Monarches of *Europe*, and alſo in regard it was viſible in *England*, a Kingdome of his own, and of which he is rightfull Inheritor: For doubtleſſe, over what City or Countrey theſe unuſuall Apparitions are verticall, or where they doe more manifeſtly ſhew themſelves, thoſe Countreys, in a more ſenſible and perceptible manner, ſhall be capable of the effects attending thoſe Apparitions. Nor am I clearly of that opinion many very judicious men, both of forepaſt and preſent times, are, That ſuch like Prodigies, Comets, *&c.* do never ſhew themſelves, but as precurſors of miſchiefe. What greater benefit did ever happen to mankinde, then the birth of our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt? and yet was his coming manifeſted to us by a Star, or Comet, *&c.* the like whereof we have never read or heard of. And beſides, we have ſeene in our Age, that if that Comet in 1618 did deſigne our ill to the *Auſtrian* Family, as indeed it did; yet the *Swedes* did thereupon thrive; and, before them, *Bethlem Gabor* Prince of *Tranſilvania*, attained to great eſteem in the world, and enlarged his Patrimony. I do willingly conſent to thoſe words of that learned Phyſitian of our times, Dr. *Brown*, in the ſmall, but unparallel'd Piece of his, *Relig. Med.* fol. 70. That thoſe *noble eſſenſes in heaven, beare a friendly regard to their fellow-natures on earth*; and that *ſuch like Prodigies as theſe, are the charitable Premonitions of good Angells, which more careleſſe Enquiries terme but the effects of Chance and Nature.*

There be many now living, can hardly beleeve there was any ſuch thing as three Suns appeared: and why? Becauſe themſelves had not the ſight of them. Others will conſent ſuch like things might be ſeene; but what ſhould be thereby ſignified, they conceive is beyond Humane Capacity.

To the firſt ſort of men, I ſay, That, as Chriſtians, we ought to beleeve the Report of one another, eſpecially in a matter wherein there is no danger or prejudice can come either by crediting or not crediting the report, or wherein neither Religion or our neighbour ſuffer ſcandall or harme, *&c.* But I ſay, Many hundreds, of uncontradictable credit, did behold this: We have it alſo mentioned in many mens printed Pamphlets; amongſt the reſt, I heare the witty *Aulicus* hath gloſſed thereon. Surely I am, *Britannicus* promiſed ſome Conceptions, which yet are not come to publicke view, upon that very ſubject.

I here repreſent the forme of it, as it appeared in the Element, and was carefully taken and obſerved by one Maſter *Heylet*, who courteouſly communicated it unto me.



The forme of the three Suns ſeen in England 19. Nouember 1644.

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*Stranbridge.*

I will endeavour to give a generall ſatisfaction, and firſt will produce the yeares wherein formerly, long before our time, ſuch Prodigies have beene ſeene and recorded, and alſo what materiall Occurrences did immediately, or within one or two yeares, ſucceed: Which being performed, I ſhall, God willing, fall upon what effects I conceive ſhall be inſtantly ſubſequent to theſe three Suns, the now-ſubject of my Diſcourſe.

IT is recorded, that in the One and fiftieth yeare after Chriſt, there appeared three Suns at once, and forthwith they joyned in one, *&c.* In that yeare, *Clodomire* King of *France* began to recover what his Predeceſſours had loſt. Saint *Paul* was converted. *Luke* writes the Goſpell. *Caractacus* the valiant was led in triumph to *Rome*, where a great Famine was the ſame yeare.

*Anno 66*, A Comet was ſeene, and alſo three Suns. In which yeare, *Florus* Preſident of the Jewes was by them ſlaine. *Paul* writes to *Timothy*. The Chriſtians are warned by a divine Oracle, and depart out of *Jeruſalem*. *Boatice* a *Britiſh* Queene killeth Seventy thouſand *Romanes*. The *Nazareni*, a ſcurvie Sect, begun, that boaſted much of Revelations and Viſions. About a yeare after, *Nero* was proclaimed enemy to the State of *Rome*.

*Anno 69*, In the Eaſt and in the Weſt two Suns were ſeene, of the which one ſeemed weake and pale, the other ſtrong and cleare. In this yeare *Jeruſalem* was taken by *Titus*, and Eleven hundred thouſand *Jewes* ſlaine and made away in the Seige. *Linus* was this yeare firſt Biſhop of *Rome*; where we may carefully note, a Prodigie was the forerunner of *Epiſcopacie* at *Rome*. This yeare *Galba* is ſlaine by *Otho*, having reigned but three moneths. And men ſuppoſe, that in this yeare the Goſpell of Saint *John* was written at *Epheſus*.

From hence I paſſe untill ſome latter Centuries of yeares: for from the yeare 69, to 1103, I finde none recorded in thoſe Authors I have read.

In the yeare 1103, a Comet appeared in *Normandy*, and not long after, two full Moones, one in the Eaſt, the other in the Weſt. The Effects that followed inſtantly, were theſe: The ſon of *Henry* the Emperour rebelleth againſt his father: A Councell was held in *London* for Reformation of the Clergie. (I think

that Tribe is out of order in all Ages.) All married Priests were excommunicated by *Anselme*: (this was a strict Priest, certainly.) *Lewis* of *France*, forceth a Restitution of Church-goods sacrilegiously taken. This yeare began the long and cruell Warre betwixt the *Polonian* and *Russian*. The *Venetians* obtaine large Priviledges of the Emperour.

*Anno* 1156, the first of *October*, for three houres, there was seene three Circles about the Sun; which at length vanishing there was seene two Suns. The Pope, being an *English* man, is taken Prisoner. The Kingdome of *Denmarke* is devided: And in the next yeare, the Pope and Emperour fall at variance.

*Anno* 1157, in *September*, there were seene three Suns together, in as clear weather as could be: And a few days after, in the same moneth, three Moones, and in the Moone that stood in the middle a white Crosse. *Sueno* King of *Denmark*, at a great Feast, killed *Canutus*, *Sueno* is himselfe slaine, in pursuit of *Waldemar*. The Order of *Eremites*, according to the rule of Saint *Augustine*, begun this yeare; and in the next, the Pope submits to the Emperour: (was not this miraculous?) *Lumbardy* was also adjudged to the Emperour.

*Anno* 1168, the first of *Sepsember*, there was seene at once in the West, three Suns: Two houres after, when two were gone, he in the middle went downe alone. By mediation of the *French* King, *Becket* is restored to his Archbishoprick. *Almaricus* King of *Jerusalem*, calleth in the *Turkes* to his aid, which was the ruine of that Kingdome; and, contrary to his Faith given, aids the *Greekes* against the *Egyptians*. A Conspiracie arose in *Bohemia*, against the King.

*Anno* 1169, three Moones appeared. The year succeeding, *Becket* the stiffe Preist was slaine in a Church in *England*. *Catana* a City in *Sicily*, is destroyed, with fifteene thousand people, as also the Bishop and Clergie, by an Earthquake. A Smithes son raised great troubles in *Norway*, pretending himselfe to be *Harolds* Grandchilde. The *Romans* raze the City of *Alba*: And in the next yeare, a great Inundation was in *Freezeland*.

*Anno* 1314, three Moones appeared. *Lewis* was crowned Emperour by some Electours, *Frederick* by the rest. A Councell was at *Ravenna* for Reformation, &c. Note the instabilityof

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the Clergie, The Pope dyeth, and the Sea is voyd two years and foure monthes. The *Engliſh*, under a ſimple and willfull King, *Edward* the ſecond, are overthrowne by the *Scots*, and to purpoſe. *Lewis Hutine* comes to the Crowne of *France*, hangs his Treaſurer, &c. The Queene of *Caſtile* dyeth. The *Genowayes* rob the *Venetian* Merchants, and invade their Territories.

*Anno* 1372. the firſt of *July*, and ſome days after, a ſtrange Circle was ſeene about the Sun, over which appeared two Croſſes of a red colour, neere *Baſill*. The *French* beſieged *Rochell*, and the *Engliſh* defend it. The yeare after, the Order of Nuns of Saint *Katharine* was founded. *Robert Steward* King of *Scotland* marrieth his Concubine; and *John Duke* of *Lancaſter* the King of *Caſtyles* daughter. The King of *Portugall* refuſeth a Match in *Caſtyle*, and takes a Noble-mans wife from him, having baniſhed her husband; at which his people are diſcontented. Shortly after, the *Venetians* reſtore *Paleologus*, being expelled by his ſon *Andronicus*.

*Anno* 1460, the ſecond of *February*, three Suns appeared, every one ſhewing a ſeverall light, which againe cloſed all together in one. The Duke of *Yorke* is attainted of Treaſon. *Henry* the xt is taken Priſoner at *Northampton*. Civill Warre in *France*; called, the *Weale-publicke*, cauſed by the Kings Covetouſneſſe. The King of *France* dyeth, having, upon a fooliſh conceit, forborne his meate ſo long, that when after he would eate, he could not. A Rebellion in *Spayne* againſt the Queene, for death of the Prince. *James* the third came to the Crowne of *Scotland*. The Duke of *Yorke* is ſlaine in *Yorkeſhire*. *David* Emperour of *Trapezond*, and his two ſons, taken and ſlaine by *Mahomet* the *Turke*. In the next yeare after, *Edward* the fourth came to the Crown of *England*, and poore innocent *Henry* the ſixth ſent to the Tower, &c.

*Anno* 1466, three Suns were ſeene at *Rome*; in which yeare *Eraſmus* was borne. The King of *Denmarke* is excommunicated by the Pope. *Warwick* and *Edward* the fourth fall out. *John* King of *Srayne* is depoſed, and *Alfonſus* Crowned. The King of *Hungaria*'s brother is taken by the *Turkes*, and beheaded at *Conſtantinople*. *Gerard* the King of *Denmarke*'s brother, is impriſoned for aſpiring. *Matthias* of *Hungaria* is ſet up againſt the lawfull

King thereof. *Scanderbeg* a moſt valiant Captain againſt the *Turke*, dyeth. The *French* King takes from his brother the *Dutchy* of *Normandy*.

*Anno* 1492, the fifteenth of *December* three Suns were ſeene in *Poland* at noone. The *Jewes* are expelled *Spayne*. *Alexander* the ſixth playes the ungratefull fellow with his Cardinalls. Towards the latter end of the yeare, the Emperour of *Germany dyes*; and *John Albert* ſucceedes *Caſimire* in the Kingdome of *Polonia*. The *Ganthois* in *Flanders* rebell.

*Anno* 1514, in *Ianuary*, three Suns were ſeene in the Dutchy of *Wittingberge*, the middlemoſt ſurpaſſed the reſt in greatneſſe: In every of theſe, there appeared the forme of a bloudy and fiery ſword. The ſame yeare, in *March*, three Moones were ſeene. It was in that yeare ſome part of *Suſſex* were burned and ſpoyled by the *Rhodyans*, in behalfe of the *French*. An Interview followes, betwixt the Emperour, Kiug of *Polonia*, and *Bohemia*. The *French* King and Pope meete. The Queene of *Scotland* fleeth into *England*. The *French* King dyeth, and *Francis* the firſt ſucceedes, and recovers *Millan*.

*Anno* 1515, Queene *Mary*, the ſcourge of Proteſtants, is borne in *England*. *Wolſey* a proud Prieſt begins to riſe at Court. The Pope falls out with the *Venetians*.

*Anno* 1520, the fifth of *Ianuary*, about Sun-riſing, three Suns appeared, with a Rainbowe of divers colours, at *Vienna*. The ſeventh of *Ianuary*, there were three Suns alſo ſeene. After *Charles* the fifth was Crowned, there was ſeene a Circle about the Sun, with a Rainbowe. The Pope, he ſpues out his Excommunications againſt *Luther*, who as ſtoutly burnes his fooliſh Bulls. The Pope executes the Tyrant of *Perugia*, The Duke of *Buckingham* is in *England* beheaded for Treaſon. The *French* detaine our Merchants goods: we impriſon the *French*. *Solyman* the Magnificent comes to the Emperour of *Turkie*. The *Geldrois* rebell. The next yeare after the *French* Warre began, which continued thirty and eight yeares, troubles ariſe in *Scotland*. Many rich Cityes taken by the *Turke* in *Hungary*.

*Anno* 1523, in *Switzerland*, there was ſeene three Suns at once, and alſo divers Circles in the Element. At *Norimberge* in a Diet there held, grievances are exhibited againſt the Pope,

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The Peasants rebell against the Nobles in *Germany*. Both the *French* and *Swedes* are defeated by the Imperialls. The Earle of *Surrey* burnt thirty seven Towns in *Scotland*. The Duke of *Holsten* is chosen King of *Denmarke*, and the former King expelled for his Cruelty. The *Janizaries* mutiny at *Constantinople*.

*Anno* 1525, there was seene in *Hungaria* five Suns, two on either side the right Sun. The Duke of *Luneburg* becomes *Lutherane*. The Order of *Capuchines* is erected. The *French* King is released out of prison. Fifty thousand Clownes are slaine. *Henry* the eight falls off from the Emperour. The women of *Hague* rise against their Customers, upon their exactions: and the *Swedes* become *Lutheranes*.

*Anno* 1526, in *Sweden* three Suns were seene, with divers circles in the Elements. The Emperour abolisheth the Popes Authority in *Spayne*. The *Tartarian* invades the *Polonian*, and is defeated and taken. *Rome* is wasted by the *Columnenses*, and besiege the Pope in St. *Angelo*. A Sedition arose in *Suffolke*. The holy League made by the *French* King, Pope, Duke of *Millan*, and *Venetian*, against the Emperour. Now was the battle of *Mohatz*, when the whole Nobility of *Hungary* was slaine, and the King in fight drowned in a ditch. *Buda* a cheife Citie of *Hungaria*, is yeelded to *Solyman*. The next yeare, the Duke of *Burbon* takes *Rome*, sackes it ten monthes. Sweating sickneſse in *London* continuing two yeares.

*Anno* 1528, in *Switzerland*, and in the moneth of *June*, many Suns were seene at once, and about them three Circles. A Councell was then held at *Sena* for Reformation. Images and Popish trumperies abolished at *Perne* and *Strasburg*. A Rebellion at *Dansk*. Some mutinies *Utrechters* executed by the Bishop. Sharpe Differences betwixt *Henry* the eight and Queene *Katharine*. The next yeare, *Solyman* invades *Hungary* with one hundred and fifty thousand men. *Vienna* is besieged, but not taken. The Ransome of the *French* King is payd.

*Anno* 1532, the eleventh of *Aprill*, at *Venice*, *Cardanus* saw three fayre and bright Suns, with two Rainbowes, not with poynts descending, but opposite to the Sun. *Vienna* is releived by the Emperour. *Henry* the eight is divorced from Queene *Katharine*. 1533, Queene *Elizabeth* was borne. Sedition

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raiſed by the Anabaptiſts and ſtrange Factions in *Hungary*.

*Anno* 1541, there appeared three Suns; the uſuall Sun ſtood in the Centre, and two bright Circles did inviron it. *Katherine* Queene of *England* is beheaded. The *Rochellers* rebell. *Charles* the fifth maketh an unfortunate voyage to *Algiers*. The *Germane* Forces are ſpoyled by the *Turkes*, onely by the cowardiſe of the Leaders. The yeare after, the *Scots* were beate at *Solwy Moſſ*: and their King dies of Melancholy. *Trenſilvania* is ſubdued by *Solyman*, and given to *John*. Popery rejected in the *Palatinate*.

*Anno* 1550, neere *Brunſewicke*, three Suns appeared. Now great troubles ariſe at *Antwerp*, and the Inquiſition oppoſed in the *Netherlands*. Difference betwixt the Emperour and *Ferdinand* about ſucceſſion in the Empire: Some of the Electors arme againſt the Emperour. The *Thames* ebbed and and flowed three times in nine houres. Peace with *Scotland*.

*Anno* 1551, in *March*, at *Magdeburg*, about ſeven in the morning, ſeven Rainbowes were ſeen; and in the evening, three Moons; In *Aprill*, at *Wittingberg*, three Suns were ſeen, with various Circles in the Element. There was ſeene the ſame yeare at *Antwerp*, three Suns, with divers Circles. The ſame yeare there was ſeene two mock-Moones twice. In *England*, the Duke of *Sommerſet* is beheaded. A world of Diſputes in *Germany*, about Religion. The *French* make War with the Emperour.

*Anno* 1553, three Suns appeared; the middle of a bright colour, but the *Parelii* or mock-Suns red and bloudy. The ſame day, after Sun ſet, three Moones appeared. The Papiſt and Proteſtant in *England* diſpute. The King of *England* dyeth. A tumult in *Bruſſels*, betweene the inſolent *Spaniard*, and the townsmen. Now Perſecution in *England* for being Proteſtants. Queen *Mary* comes to the Crowne; uſher'd into the world by a Prodigie, and to the Crowne with the like ominous Portent.

*Anno* 1554, in *Bavaria* divers kindes of Suns were ſeene; but eſpecially the ſixth of *March*, two Suns were ſeene, with a Rainbow. In *May* the ſame yeare, two more Suns were ſeene, the Sun as it were invironed all about with a Rainbowe. *Wyat* riſeth in *Kent*. *Philip* and *Mary* married. *Sena* betrayed to the Emperour by the Pope. *Henalt* in *Arthoys* waſted by the *French*.

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Anno 1556. in *Saxony* two mock-Suns appeared. *Charles* the Emperour entreth the Monaſtery of S. *Juſtus*, in the confines of *Caſtile*. The Lord *Sturton* is hanged in England for a Murder. *Tranſilvania* revolts. Nineteen thouſand people at *Bruſſels*, dye of Cold and Famine. The next yeer, the War is begun betwixt the King of Spaine and the Pope. A generall Peſtilence happens in England. *Calais* is loſt to the French: and the Scots invade the Engliſh. Treaſons and Uproares are frequent in *Turkie*.

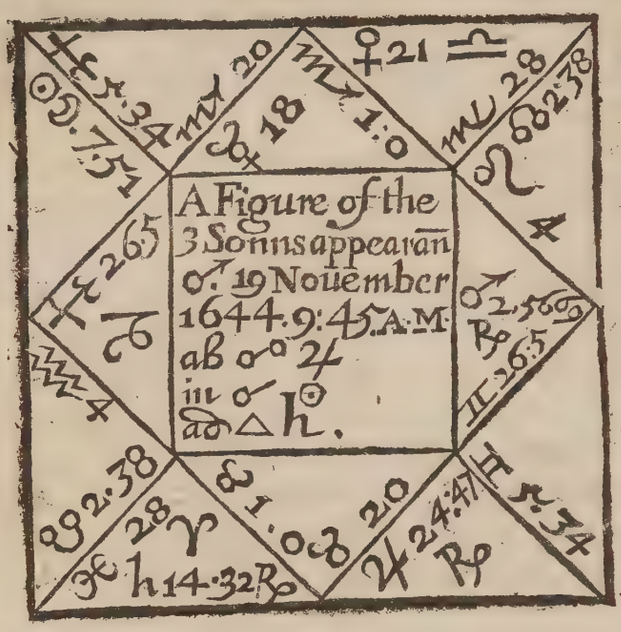
Anno 1622. three Suns appeared at Heidelberg. The wofull Calamities that have ever ſince fallen upon the Palatinate, we are all ſenſible of, and of the loſſe of it, for any thing I ſee, for ever, from the right Heire. *Oſman* the great Turke is ſtrangled that yeer: and *Spinola* beſiegeth *Bergen up Zoome*, &c.

I have heard it credibly reported, that there were ſeen, about twelve yeeres ſince, many Suns at one time in *Cornwall*: and in March 1639. towards Sun-ſet, three Suns were ſeen in the Weſt, not farre from Oxford.

I have not ſeen any of theſe Suns I mention, my ſelfe; onely in thoſe ſix yeers in which I lived in the Country, *viz.* 1636, 1637, 1638, 1639, 1640, &c. many evenings I obſerved a ſtrange fiery skie, and unuſuall forms in the Elements, towards that part of Heaven where Oxford ſtands, and towards *Berk*-ſhire, *Hamp*-ſhire, and ſo alſo towards *Buckingham*-ſhire, &c.

I have the rather repeated theſe things, that the incredulous of the times might not be wavering, or a party now upon earth too confident that theſe prodigious Sights have no ſignification upon Mundane affaires. The Hiſtoricall part is now ended, and my owne judgement upon thoſe three Suns apparent the nineteenth of November, 1644. followeth: Wherein, if oft repetitions of the ſame thing trouble thee, with modeſty or curteſie paſſe them by; for in Aſtrology it cannot be avoyded: Nor doe thou expect any exact Method of me, ſith it was no part of my meaning, or could I conveniently doe it: Onely this I muſt tell thee, that the interpretation I write, is, I conceive, grounded upon probable foundations; and who lives to ſee a few yeers over his head, will eaſily perceive I have unfolded as much as

was fit to discover, and that my Judgement is not a mile and a halfe from truth.




A Figure erected for the middle time of the three Suns appearance the 19. of *November*, 1644. 9. *hor.* 45. *min.* A. M.

*Londinum Angliæ.*

MAny Philosophers are of opinion, that these false Sunnes, amongst the learned called *Parelij*, doe especially appeare, whed many subtill moist Clouds are betwixt us and the Sun. Others, that they are round Clouds shining like the Sun; or that they images of the Sun in a thick and neighbouring Cloud in the forme of a Mirror. But if that collected Clouds, or multitude of vapours, or any Naturall cause, produced such rare and unusuall Apparitions; Why have we not such Sights oft? It's well knowne, such are not usually seen, although once in a moneth we doe not want plenty of Vapours, which, if they were so produced, might cause monethly, or oftner, such like Apparitions. And besides, when these three Suns were seen, it was a very faire Sun-shine day, a very cleere day, no Clouds, Vapours, Foggs or Mists appearing. Indeed for seven or eight dayes before, we at London had extream stormy Weather, cloudy, windy, rainy, and what not? I did not observe, for a long time, such variety of blustering and unnatutall Weather, which I conceive was occasioned by the late opposition of *Saturne* and *Venus*, and the matutine setting of the *Virgilie*, and other most violent fixed Stars;

Stars, which according to *Stadius*, *Hiemem pluvioſam denuntiant*. It is alſo the opinion of *Pliny*, *ſuccularum & pleiadum, occaſus Terra Mariq; turbidum eſſe*. Nor may we forget the acceſſe of the Sun to *Cor ſcorpii*, to leſſen any ill Weather the dayes precedent, &c.

Here's Naturall cauſes for the ill Weather preceding, ſo many dayes together; but no cauſe in Nature to induce a beliefe that the three Suns were occaſioned from Nature.

I am cleerly of opinion, Theſe Sights, as well as many others, were cauſed by thoſe tutelary Angels, who, by Gods permiſſion, and under him, have the Government of the Engliſh Commonwealth. They are ſenſible of thoſe many impending Miſeries now too plentifully amongſt us. Their conference with man now, as in the dayes of old, very few attaine unto, it being a bleſſing ſought after by many, attained unto by few: And yet there are ſome of opinion, There lives in the world ſome, and of thoſe ſome, a ſmall party in England, that know more then they utter, and, either by Viſion, or verball Coloquy, have the knowledge of future events, yea, even from the bleſſed Angels.

But alas, theſe are Riddles; I muſt adhere unto my Aſtrologie; and yet wiſh all happineſſe to thoſe good ſoules that either confer with their owne *Genius*, whom ſome call, A good Angel; or with ſuch other of thoſe heavenly Miniſters whom God in mercy affordeth them. And herein let no Reader miſtake me; for I abhor Witches, or thoſe Necromancers that raiſe the deceaſed out of their graves, or thoſe Circular Prieſts now almoſt worne out of the world: My meaning is this, That I doe beleeve there are many now living, to whom God, by his Angels, gives Revelation of things to come: And where and to whom God gives ſuch a bleſſing, I beleeve that Saint may lawfully uſe the Talent God hath enabled him with.

But I leave this obſolete, though excellent Learning, to another Diſcourſe, and come to the Text it ſelfe.

I doe ſomewhat adhere to *Cardan, ſeg.* 4. *Apho.* 94. *Signa circa ſolem, in Luna vel ſtellis, aut circa eas, tum in cœlo volde aliena a naturali curſu; ſi locum ubi apparent, & figuram cœli cum hoc, ea hora ab initio in finem obſervabis, intellegere poſſis quid ſignificent: Viz.* If you obſerve any ſtrange formes or ſignes about the

Sun, or in the Moon or Stars, or neer unto them, and thoſe unuſuall ſignes are ſtrange, or contrary to a naturall courſe; conſider the place where they appeare, and compare the Figure of Heaven with it, ſet to the beginning of their appearance, and conſidered untill its end, and then you may underſtand the ſignification thereof.

The better to direct me in my judgement, I have erected three Scheams of Heaven, and, according to my mean Capacity, judged thereupon the effects of theſe three Suns.

Neither indeed is *Cardanus* ſingle in his judgement; for *Ludovicus de Regiis, Apho.* 88. *lib.* 2. ſaith, *Monſtruoſa corpora & portenta, quando ultra modum acciderint, hora ipſorum conſideranda eſt, nihil accidit, quin a corporibus ſuper cœleſtibus deſignetur effectus.* Monſtrous bodyes, and ſeldome ſeen, when beyond nature they chance to ſhew themſelves; the houre of their firſt being is to be conſidered: theres no ſuch things happen; but the effects thereof are deſigned from the ſuperceleſtiall bodies.

And though this may ſeem ſtrange to moſt men that ſhall read this Diſcourſe; yet I hope the Judgement following ſhall, in ſome meaſure, better ſatisfie them, if they will have patience firſt to read it warily, and then to obſerve the generall Affairs of England, and all or the moſt part of Chriſtendome, preſently or within a little compaſſe of time ſubſequent. Nor let any humoriſt preſſe me too hard for reaſon in every thing fals from my Pen: *Multa res ſunt quæ non videntur ratione naturali eſſe. effectus quidem earum per formas ſuperiorum corporum conſiderare poſſumus habereq; eas, ſi in tempore proprio inveſtigata quæſitaq; ſunt.* Rigel. *Lib.* 2. *Apho.* 77. Many things doe come to paſſe, for which we can give no naturall reaſon: we may attaine to diſcern the effects by the formes of ſuperiour Bodies, and exactly to know them, if we ſearch and look after them in their proper times. By which this learned Grecian intends, that the true notion of what may be ſignified by theſe late diſaſtrous three Suns, or any other unnaturall Apparition, is moſt eaſily attained, by taking the exact time of their firſt appearance, and then the erection of a Scheam of Heaven.

And this I find further confirmed by *Cardanus, Apho.* 95. *Seg.* 40. *Monſtra vero & portenta clades & mortes hominum, ſed*

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*non eodem modo neque statim significant, oportet autem & exortus eorum considerare, sed illorum casus, & vis non est præsentis contemplationis.* The meaning whereof is to informe you, that upon any generall Misfortune happening, or any sudden Calamity chancing amongst men, you are to observe the first time of its motion, and thereby frame your Astrologicall Judgement upon the Accidents subsequent.

It's first considerable, in what nature, kind, or thing, this prodigious Appearance shall manifest it selfe in, and upon what knds of Men, People, Kingdomes, or Countries; and lastly, its Determination, &c.

Of all which I will treat, but not methodically, for some reasons best knowne to my selfe, &c. For let it be considered, how dangerous it is to speak truth in significant language, in this Age, and at this time, when Opinion is more prevalent then sober Judgement, and when a word modestly misplaced, may more puzzle me by information of some seeming-Saint Coxcomb, then either reall Treason against my Prince, or blasphemy in Religion, &c. But I slight these pedantick Informers.

BE it knowne then unto all men by these Presents, That *huiusmodi imagines & figura multa minantur, frequenter enim aut Civitati alicui, aut Regioni, aut Regno, vel Principi, Regi, Cæsarive, quæ expressis aliàs verbis sibi dici non tolarent.* Such Sights as these three Suns, or other Images or terrible Figures appeariug in the Heavens, doe threaten many things frequently either to some City, Region, Kingdome, Prince, or Emperour: and futher, these are manifested in such extraordinary manner in the Heaven by Signes, because such persons as above named, will never suffer any man in plaine words to acquaint them with so much.

The Apparition being visible in England, the whole Kingdom is concerned more or lesse.

The Lord of the tenth in the seventh House, Retrograde: our prime men of all Qualities, are intended to share in the Mischief hereby portented.

Kings, Princes, Nobility, &c. of which anon.

I particular out no one; *Quis enim prudens id periculi subiret?*

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What man would run such a hazard of danger? *Licet Astronamiæ & Magiæ pertissimus, ut Principi alicui aut Regi Cæsarive in os diceret, tibi hoc accidet, tu occederis, glaude trajicieris, subditi tui te Regno exuunt, & ejicient, in exilium agent, subditi tui data fide violata & rebellione facta te repudiabunt, & Domino alio jurabunt?* What an Asse were the Astrologian, or skilfull Magician, saith *Paracelsus*, if upon the appearance of a Prodigious Sight in the Elements, he should say, to the face of a Prince, King, or Emperour, Such a thing shall happen unto thee, Thou shalt be slaine, knockt in the head with a Bullet, Thy Subjects shall spoyle thee, and cast thee out of thy Kingdome, Thou shalt live a banished man in another Country, Thy owne Subjects or People, notwithstanding their Fealty or Homage done, shall violate their Faith given, raise Rebellion, repudiate and scorn thy Acts and Person, and performe Service to some other Lord. This is a pretty piece of Stuffe.

If we beleeve the sayings of the wise, that were curious in search after such like Prodigies; you that are Emperours, Kings, Princes, Dukes, or the principall Rulers of all Commonwealths in Europe, have reason to be carefull of your selves, and to thank me for putting you in mind of such things as these? Be angry, and you please, I care not; I must discharge my Conscience.

It's not unknowne to the Learned, that Europe is now at this time under the last Conjunction of *Saturne* and *Iupiter*, in the Watry Trygon, and signe of *pisces*. It's not unknowne, as I may say, how prepostorously and irregularly that Conjunction slips in betwixt two Conjunctions of the Fiery Triplicity, the first entrance whereof was in 1603. and their Conjunction in the eighth degree of *Sagittarius*, the very self-same signe, degree, and quarter of Heaven the Sun and Moone are in upon this present Apparition.

King *Iames* came to be our English King that yeer.

In the full-Moon postventionall to the Comet, 1618. the Sun was in the tenth degree of *Sagittarius*. In the second Conjunction of *Saturne* and *Iupiter*, 1623. the almost degree of this present Lunation did mediate Heaven. King *Charles* went into Spaine that yeer.

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in the yeere 164$\frac{7}{8}$. when *Saturne* and *Iupiter* made their laſt Conjunction, the place of the Luminaries at thit time was then the Cuſp of the twelfth Houſe: and the Sun now in Partill ſquare to his then-place, the Moon at this preſent, her Latitude conſidered, is in almoſt Partill Oppoſition to the place of *Mars* then: The Scheam of Heaven then and now, differ very little or nothing at all. This is written, to ſatisfie Artiſts: He that would know more, let him repaire to the Tract I wrote, called *Englands prophetical Merlin.*

Theſe are all Arguments, and not meane ones, of premonition to a Family, and that no meane one, That a ſtorm, and that alſo a furious one, is ready to ruſh downe upon their heads. Doubtleſſe this Prodigie is a more neer and ſignificant Interpreter, then any hath been this halfe Century of yeers, of that fatall Doome hanging at this time at it were in the Ayre by a twine threed, over ſome obſtinate and ſinking Progenies in Europe. Theſe three Suns ſhew acceleration of what hath mercifully a long time been forborne, and that now, after ſo many Warnings, divine Providence will not be deluded by the ſtrugling or frail and brittle policy of man.

*Cardan* hath ſuch words as theſe, *ſeg. 5. Apho. 67. Cumq; tres ſoles eodem modo, & in ambitu medij Circulus completus ac permanens ad modum Iridis, eo anno in Civitate libera naſcitur ex Civibus Rex, quod ſi cum hoc, ſtella apparuerit in die lucida, erit in eadem hora.* When three Suns appeare, and in the compaſſing round of the middle one a compleat Circle is permanent, in manner of a Rain-bow; in that yeere, in a free City (or Common-wealth) there's borne of ſome Citizen one that ſhall be a King: But if upon the time of ſuch an appearance, ſome glorious Star ſhew it ſelfe in the day-time, the Infant is born the ſame houre, *mutatis mutandis.* The words of this learned Philoſopher ſtretch to this ſenſe, That when ſuch a Prodigie as he ſpeaks of appears, it ſhews, or is the antecedent of ſome new Principality, or ſome notable Priviledges to be obtained, or the birth or riſe of ſome man or Common-wealth to Sovereignty, and to that ſupream Command which was not before. Beleeve me, O all you great ones, there's ſome ſuch Monſter in hatching, as the depriving of many of you of that Freedome your Anceſtors left you, &c.

If we take ſignification from the predominant Planet, we ſhall acquaint you in plaine Engliſh, That Religion ſhall be a ſtrong Pretender, and a painfull Stickler in moſt Common-wealths, for ſome yeers. *Venus*, as now poſited, tels you how much ſome ſober and modeſt Judgements endeavour to ſettle things purely, ſoberly, and leagally: But if you look into the third houſe, you ſhall find *Saturne* Retrograde, and in oppoſition to her. Maſter *Booker* ſaith, *Saturne* ſignifies *Tom Iew* and *Iacke Ieſuit*: *bona fide*, I ſay, That we are hereby premoniſhed of men in our Common-wealth that are as ſuperſtitious as the Jew, and malicious as the Jeſuit; and that theſe hodge-podge mixture of ſhallow-braines, ſhall diſturb all our proceedings. Good God! that ſo much deceit and hypocriſie ſhould be veiled, and we continue ignorant of the Plot thereby intended.

What incongruous and inconſiſtent Opinions, even to reaſon it ſelfe, doe I foreſee by this froward and malicious Aſpect of *Saturne*, ſhall appeare in the world, vex all or moſt Nations, undoe almoſt every State and Common-wealth.

Me thinks here's to be plenty of Ambaſſadours, ſeverally employed. What concluſion they ſhall make, the Retrogradation of *Iupiter* in the fifth tels you, Worſe and worſe, Tinker-like, mend one hole, and make two; or, if you will, Salve up a little Breach, and not long after make one five times greater.

Mutuall Aſſiſtance ſhall be pretended, and one Nation or Common-wealth leagues with another; but to what purpoſe? That Policy which in the conception of the wiſeſt Statiſt is held moſt convenient for his Prince and Country, even in that very point ſhall his King or State ſuffer moſt detriment. Can we delude God? or have the Stars no influence? or can we by Art or Nature make the two unneceſſary invironing Suns, which are no better then Scar-crowes or outward appearances, to be reall, proper and materiall ones? I muſt deale plainly, that we in England (for *Saturne* is in *Aries*, the Aſcendant of England) under pretence of a glorious ſhew for Reformation in divine matters, intend deceitfully; and that miſchievous Intentions, under religious pretenſions, are moſt viperouſly cloked.

But upon maturer Conſideration, while I ſee the hand of the Almighty deading and dulling our underſtandings, I apprehend

the Stars as Directory-Messengers of some such things, but in my solid Judgement conclude it the All-seeing providence of God. God is angry we will see nothing; but more angry, because though some doe see and perceive, and know to what Ruine we are hastening; yet, like mute Statu's, they are silent in this great necessity of the State, and close up their mouthes, lest they should utter Verity.

My *Genius*, if it be lawfull to say so, dictates unto me nothing but Fraud, Cozenage, Dissimulation, Hypocrisie, will be used amongst some pretended-Reformers, both of Church and Common-wealth.

If I understand any thing, scandalous aspersions shall, without number or just cause, be fathered upon our Parliament and their Proceedings: hainous and formidable Informations against the Nobility and Gentry. Scurrilous Reproaches from all parts shall fall upon our Senior and Orthodox Clergy-men, from a Junior sort of Rabbies, a Serpentine people not heretofore visible or knowne in the world, lately elapsed by chance, not from Heaven, (where goodnesse it selfe dwels) but from the Moone, (which *Galileus* saith is habitable) in some terrible Thunder-clap: for I beleeve, they were so terrified and stupified in their hearings, by their so violent descent in that storme, that not any sense could ever since pop into their Noddles.

Reason in Astrology must be given, and so it shall. *Mercury* generally signifieth in man, Youth: his Orientality of the Sun and in the Figure, addes more Youth: But now in the sense I spaeke it, it tels the whole World, the Novelty of what now most afflicts us. *Jupiter* is generally a Significator of Nobility, and by position of the Clergy, he is under the earth, and in the descending part of Heaven: We heare of things now, that did not appeare before, &c. from whence I frame this Judgement, That Youth, or young novell Opinions or Disputations, shall deceitfully prejudice maturer Judgements, with Lyes, Hyhocrisie, Calumny, Impudence, &c. And I say againe, Because *Mars* that is Lord of the tenth House, disposeth of *Mercury*, and he is Retrograde in the seventh House, and Mansion of the Moon, and opposite to the Ascendant; I deliver ingenuously this free-hearted Judgement, That if his Majesty give protection to such

upſtart pretended Saints, he ſhall runne Retrograde, that is, he ſhall receive infinite diſhonour by it. And to our Parliament I ſay, If Connivance be had, under their Protection, with theſe ſuperlative aſſuming Zealots, (for my heart will not ſuffer me to abuſe Religion ſo much, as to call them Religious) the Parliament ſhall more ſuffer in the concluſion, even by them, then either by the Turke, were he armed againſt us, or all the Forces of any potent Enemy. I cannot call them by any certaine name, that ſo they might be diſtinguiſhed: doe but obſerve their actions, and it beſt informes you: they abſolutely ſtudy nothing but Diviſion, &c. and ſuppreſſion of Monarchy.

The very true meaning of theſe three Sun, is to informe every Common-Wealth of Europe, that they are haſtening to either their Confuſions, or unavoydable Dangers: the Counſels of the moſt aged ſhall be deſpicable, the Projections of the younger men ſhall cauſe Inſurrections, Slaughters, Murders; the Advice of the moſt wiſe ſhall be innocently ſlighted. A great Worke is in hand.

Both Sun and Moon are ill placed. Both Kings and People, and all Common-Wealths, are in their Councels now to ſeeke. They have cunningly, as long as they could, carried their Devices ſecretly: This Prodigie ſpeaks, as if we ſhall diſcover more then is wiſhed, and conceale enough to undoe us.

Three Suns have been ſeen many times, and ſeverall Circles, ſometimes over, ſometimes under the true and proper Sun: *Seditiones inter mortales manifeſtas oſtendunt & ab omni concenſu concordiaq; alienationem*: Junct. 312. Here's a ſtrange thing, that they doe manifeſt publike and eminent Seditions amongſt mortall men, and a generall alienation or averſneſſe to any Peace, Agreement, or Unity. Infinite Diviſions theſe three Suns are the Fore-runners of; of ſturdy Diſturbances to Emperours, Kings, Princes, and all manner of Principalities: and they doe uſually ſhew a generall Calamity at hand; they declare Schiſms and Rents in the Church, Diſorder amongſt the Religious, the brooding or upſtarting of ſome cragged or rugged Tenents in Divinity, ſome admirable, miraculous, and unexpected paſſages amongſt men, a generall *Delirium* or madneſſe, or Confuſion in Opinions reigning and raging, and to domineere in moſt parts of

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thoſe Countries adjacent to the place of appearance. All manner of inferiour people threatning their Superiours and Commanders, grumbling, repining, whiſpering out revenge againſt them: No Uuion in Councell, or conſtancy in Opinion: Nothing is thought on, but how to bring the whole Fabrick of every Common-Wealth out of frame: Not a man appeares, but he is more judicious in State-affaires then *Ahitho hel*: Each Cobler in Divinity aſſures himſelfe of more knowledge then *Calvin*, *Luther* or *Melancton* were acquainted with, poore Ideots: The acts of the moſt reverend men preceding ſuch times, are called in queſtion, the validity of their Judgement undervalued, and a Rabble of Saturnine people fill the Times with ignorance the Church with Sects, the Common-Wealth with Beggery, and their owne Coffers, *tantum quantum*, with as much Money as they can theeviſhly cozen the King, Kingdome and State of.

Is there need of more Suns then one in the day? or of more then one Moone in the night? or of one King in a Kingdome? one entire Government in a Common-Wealth? one Uniformity in the Affaires of the Church? Verily I thinke that man out of his wits, that would affirme a poſitive neceſſity of more: And yet uſually, after the appearing of ſuch Prodigies, ſuch lawleſſe and unaccuſtomed Monſters appeare: and even ſuch moſt irregular Attempts are to be proſecuted by people of as great antiquity as the two mock-Suns, which appeared at an inſtant, but vaniſhed not away in a moment.

When God Almighty had drowned the World, in confirmation he would doe ſo no more, he produced the Rain-bowe, and made it appeare at all times and ſeaſons in a conſtant and naturall forme and manner, ever oppoſite to the Sun; and this was out of his great love to Man-kind: But while in anger he permits his miniſtring Angels (as now he did) to manifeſt to our eyes a Rain-bow (and that ſuch a one as no Age hath abſolutely recorded the like) to appeare with the bend of it downward, juſt over the naturall Sun. The Prognoſtick part hereof may gravell an aſſured Judgement. Reader, pitty the weakneſſe of Humane underſtanding, and let thy love appeare, in charitably paſſing by my failings.

The Portent of this Prodigy is very great: The Angels are

willing we should discerne something, else why was it made visible? There was no necessity of it.

*O All you Emperours, Kings, Princes, Rulers and Magistrates of Europe, this unaccustomed Apparition is like the Hand-writing in* Daniel *to some of you,; it premonisheth you above all other People, to make your peace with God in time: You shall every one of you smart, and every one of you taste (none excepted) the heavy hand of God, who will strengthen your Subjects with invincible Courage to suppresse your Misgovernments and Oppressions in Church or Common-wealth: Nor shall Warre cease, or the Sword of God leave persecuting you and your Off-springs, untill this great Worke is perfectly done. What will you say if the Almighty is ready to let fall from Heaven a new Government, quite contrary to any hath hitherto beene in the World? here's threatned an universall Insurrection against you by your oppressed People: here's either the Deposing, Flight, or finall Extirpation of some of you, at hand: Your Viceroyes, Lieutenant-Generals, shall quake and tremble, and prove men of no Courage; shall shrinke from you in your greatest necessity: Your Confederates shall faile in reall Performances, and doe you more mischiefe then a professed enemy: Your Children shall wander as banished people all over the World, dye unlamented in strange Countries, while some of your owne Generation, of set purpose, shall bring you in dislike of your vassails.*

Those words are generall: A word to my owne Country of England. Verily I am doubtfull there's now as great Treason in hatching against England, as either the Armado in 1588. or furious Gunpowder-plot in 1605. I am scrupulous, for the love I bear to my native Soyle, whilst I conceive there's a second Massacre in agitation; and yet I faithfully beleeve we shall really overcome it, and maturely, and in good sadnesse, take lusty Vengeance on the Contrivers, &c.

Are not both the Lights, in our Scheame, with or neere *Cor Scorpij*, a most violent fixed Star? which usually (if we beleeve Antiquity or Experience) threatens sodaine and violent death; else why have we this Aphorisme? *Cor Scorpij cum Luminaribus arguentam mortem, aut ex veneno repentinam denuntiat.* He or she

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of any great Family, that hath either the Sun or Moon, or both, with this Star, in the Radix of their Nativities, are threatned hereby, either to dye some violent death by casualty, Sword, Gun or Poison. Looke to your selves: here's some monstrous death towards you. But to whom? wilt thou say. Herein we consider the Signe, Lord thereof, and the House: The Sun signifies in that Royall Signe, great ones: the House signifies Captivity, Poison, Trechery: from which is derived thus much, That some very great man, what King, Prince, Duke, or the like, I really affirme I perfectly know not, shall, I say, come to some such untimely end.

What Magistrate soever of Europe hath the Sun or Moone in the place now afflicted, his person and estate will be in danger: Where the 6, 7 or 8 of Sagittarius doe culminate, he loses his Soveraignity: where the same degrees arise in the Horoscope, it threatens his life; witnesse the King of Sweden, &c.

Great men may, and I know will, despise these favourable Admonitions. Let them so doe, and afterwards cry, *Had I wist.*

Here in our Figure we have all the superiour Planets Retrograde, as if all the Grandees of the World, and every principall man in his kind, should find vexation enough; or as if every State and Common-wealth, or Society of men, were declining, and ready to suffer in one kind or other. *Significat etiam morbos populares, & mortalitates & quod ibi moritur Rex*: Haly. Popular Diseases, that is, abundance of the common people shall dye by the Sword, Mortality, &c. And where these afflictions are in most force, there, and in that Land, shall the King or principall Officer dye.

What successe shall follow of Treaties, or from or by meanes of Messengers, Commissioners, Ambassadours, Nuncio's, Generall or Provinciall Councels, you may read by the positure of *Mercury* in *Scorpio*, hastening to Opposition of Jupiter. The Significator in fixed Signes, shew the tediousnesse of such like matters, the length of time shall be spent in Embassages, Treaties, Councels: But was there ever (without the immediate finger of God) any good Conclusion, when the Significators applied by opposition? Long, deceitfull and painfull Debates, slender and impertinent Conclusions.

Men are imployed by ſome, to good intents and purpoſes; but one daſh of a Pen, one ſimple under hand-miſſive off or from a guilty Secretary, or male-contented Stateſ-man, or one ſcrupulous T nent of or from an unſetled Separatiſt, hinders and makes void all concluſion of difference by Negotiations and Treaties. Whereas formerly Commiſſioners from Prince to Prince have determined the greateſt Controverſies ever happened? there's now in the Figure of Heaven no appearance of ſuch bleſſings, the Sword being onely intended to decide theſe conſuming Plagues and inveterate Quarrels that either have or ſhall, for ſome yeers, riſe amongſt the European Common-Wealths.

Blinded ſhall be the eyes of the wiſeſt diſcerning men, curbed and diſheartned ſhall be the intentions of the cordiall, ſlandered ſhall be the well-wiſhes of innocent and harmleſſe ſouls, who are not ſo verball, to no purpoſe, as ſome airy ſpirits.

Wars ſhall be prolonged, beyond either the reaſon or judgement of the wiſeſt Stateſ-man now living, nay, untill the furious Souldier himſelfe is weary.

The Rain-bowe ſeemed occularly to be amongſt the Northern Conſtellations, above the Æquator, in that ſpace of Heaven where the learned place *Serpentarius*, or the forme of a Serpent, his mouth gaping wide open, and a Crowne ready to fall into the Serpents mouth.

This is the ſecond time, within one yeeres ſpace, that ſome Princes of Europe have been threatned with Ruine and Deſtruction; (if they repent not) for the laſt of June 1644. there were ſtrange apparitions in the Heavens, in this very Conſtellation; and now againe this unuſuall Rain-bowe extending it ſelfe over the proper Sun, and quite thorow the body of the Serpent. Let me adde to this, The ſubſequent Eclipſe I ſhall write of, hath no little ſignification in the fortunes and perſons of Kings and great men.

Was not our Mother *Eve* deceived by ill Counſell given unto her by the devil in form of a Serpent? and was not *Adam* thereby himſelfe miſtaken, and ſo his whole Poſterity made capable of that puniſhment he for that ſuffered, and we all by his act.

It was not *Adam*, it was not *Eve*, but the Serpent: It's not Kings or Princes, it's not their Queenes or Ladies, that invent

those execrable Councels so totally destructive; no, it's the Serpent, it's in plaine language, such destructive Councell as is put into them by Serpents, that is, ill Councellours. It's *Mercury* in *Scorpio*, it's religious men in habit, but devils in conditions; it's men of great Conformity outwardly that deceitfully hatch these hellish Advices.

I wish, in time, great men to become themselves; for if some good Angel hath hitherto seemed to keep their Crownes, their Dominions, their Authority, from dropping into the Serpents mouth, that is, from Ruine, Approach of forreigne Power, or Incursion, &c. yet now, as in a little time this Rain-bowe vanished, and so left the true Sun naked, and to receive any impression; so questionlesse, in a short time, shall Princes, after an unwonted manner, be deprived of Friends, Rule and Dominion, by people formerly contemptible, scarce dreamed of, and which themselves, within lesse then a few yeers, aimed at no such thing.

The most Ancient and Noble Families of Europe are declining; but especially here not farre remote, or in England: And this *Saturne* by Retrogradation doth easily declare.

The Nobility and Gentry who have continued many Generations are now sinking, and an inferiour sort of people, by plaine Legerdemaine, are ascending; but whether to Heaven, or worldly preferment, *sub judice lis est*.

The Souldier whom I most honour, shall tremble, and yet fight for he knowes not whom or what: as *Mars* in the seventh House doth manifestly declare.

Germany that part of

Some parts of France, and my owne deare Country of England, and therein especially Kent, Sussex, Surrey, part of Essex, Suffolk and Lincolne, and parts adjacent.

Oxford shall suffer both Sword, Sickneſſe, Famine, Plague, if not finall Subversion.

Shall the City of Rome escape? No, nor Pamphilio the now present Pope shall continue scarce six yeers, without Poyson, or Opposition; I will not say Deposition.

I omit some Countries purposely; for Infidelity and Ingratitude

titude is to be requited with Blood; the ſword, and not words. Some ſhall, notwithſtanding their prudence, be entnared without caution.

I wiſh cordially all happineſſe to the Kingdome of Scotland: Nor ſhall ſome waſpiſh Antagoniſts of that Nation againſt Aſtrology, cauſe me to love the Kingdome the worſe. There's not yet any probability of a conſtant Settlement in that Common-Wealth.

Let us expect to hear of ſome mutiny amongſt the Turks, and in Conſtantinople: and faction amongſt the Nobles in Polonia.

I cannot predicate good to the barbarous Iriſh.

I am doubtfull Denmarke is appointed for a Patterne either of Vengeance or Mercy: it is, it muſt ſuffer more and more.

This prodigious Apparition foreſhews to all England a generall Infelicity, perhaps to all Europe, I meane, to the North-Eaſt part thereof, ſo ſituate from London in England.

A Famine, Scarcity of bread and proviſion for Man, is like to be ſubſequent; the Murrain of Cattell, infectious and peſtiferous Diſeaſes, as well in man as in beaſt; and full Plague and halfe a Plague, this yeer and the next, not in Villages onely, but almoſt in every great Towne of England. Horrible perſecution of the Nobility and Gentry; and indeed the Runawayes from our Parliament deſerve no leſſe, and ſome beſides. Some ſuperlative Diſcord with and concerning Religion, and Controverſies therein.

Incurſions of forreigne Princes into their Neighbours Territories, Friends and Allies. No beliefe upon earth amongſt men.

Surely the World is not yet at an end: But whoſoever ſhall ſee, or have the unhappineſſe to ſervive the two or three yeeres next ſucceeding, will wonder at the ſtrange Metamorphoſis and Cataſtrophe of Humane Chances in Chriſtian Common-wealths, where Jeſus Chriſt is profeſſed with ſo much pretended-Zeale, but his Doctrine practiſed with ſo ſlender Devotion.

Nor ſhall many, and thoſe not the leaſt Cities and Townes of England, ſuffer in their private Common-Wealths, leſſe then a new molding of their preſent Government.

Did the wit of man of ſet purpoſe ſtudy it, he could not find out ſo many unneceſſary Inventions for preſent and future deſtruction, as we our ſelves, with premeditated wiſdome, find

finde out, with intention to salve up all our sores.

We begger our selves with Wit, and destroy Mankinde with Discretion.

In good truth, the City of *London* is like to be afflicted (and now simple *George* at *Oxford* holds his mouth wide open) wth the Plague, and some other Pestilentiall or Purle-Diseases *&c.* Do not I see both the Sun and Moon in Opposition to *Gemini* ? Their Ships are like to suffer by Fire and Pyracie, *&c.* Is not *Gemini* the Signe descending on the Cusp of the sixth and seventh ? God blesse their Ships from Sea-fights and Shipwracks.

And yet methinks there's one in the world looks high, born, and in being, that would, but shall not, exalt himself to a Crown. *Quicunq; fuerit ex stirpe Regali, si in ejus Radice Nativitatis fuerint duo Soles, erit Regibus contrarius*, &c.

My friend, be quiet, thou art not the man, thy time is short; the Chicken of the West shall prevail: Return in peace, if thou canst, to the Sepulchre of thy not-Kingly Ancestours, *&c.*

This is part of the little I am able at present to put forth, concerning the Signification of the three Suns; whose Effects cooperating with the immediate subsequent Eclipse in *August*, shall not determine in lesse time then three whole yeers. *Dixi.*

# An Astrologicall-Judgement concerning the Effects probably like to succeed the Eclipse of the Sun upon the eleventh day of *August*, 1645, being *Munday*.

THe Eclipse is in 28 *d.* 28 *m. Leo.*

Its beginning is at 10 *ho.* 17 *min.* before noon.

Its Middle is at 11 *ho.* 14 *min.*

It Endeth, eleven minutes after 12.

The Digits eclipsed are six.

The Duration of the Eclipse is, One hour, fifty four minutes.

*To finde when it shall begin to operate, and how long the Effects shall continue, you must consider*

The Elevation of the Pole at *London*, which is 51 *deg.* 32 *min.*

The Semidiurnall time, which is 7 *hor.* 3 *min.*

The time of rising of the Sun the day of the Eclipse, 4 *h.* 57 *m.*

The length of the day is, 14 *hours*, 6 *minutes.*

The Interval of time from Sun-rise to the time of the Eclipse, is 6 *ho.* 17 *min.*

Now I say, If 14 hours and 6 minutes give 365 days; What will 6 hours and 17 minutes? If you work it by proportion, it will give you 162 days; which added to the 11 of *August*, point out the 20 of *January*, 164$\frac{5}{6}$, for a Beginning to the Effects depending on this Eclipse.

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The Dignities and Debilities of the Planets ſtand thus:

*Saturn* hath one Debility.
*Jupiter* hath Fortitudes—20
*Mars*,—13
*Venus*,—4
*Mercury*,—12

The Duration being 1 *hor.* 54 *min.* the Effects ſhall continue almoſt two whole yeers, *viz.* untill the 16 of *December*, 1647.

*A ſhort Hiſtoricall Narration of ſome preceding Eclipſes, and the Effects that thereupon enſued.*

THe firſt Eclipſe we finde recorded to Poſterity, is by *Dion. Hal.* and it was in the yeer of the world 3180, about 767 yeers before Chriſt. Its noted by Hiſtorians, that *Romulus* was that yeer conceived, and the Kingdom of *Iſrael* began to decline.

Many were the Eclipſes which Antiquity took notice of, and after moſt of them ſome memorable Actions to have ſucceeded: As, that in *anno Mundi* 3235, and 26 of *May*, the Sun ſuffered a fearfull Eclipſe; and it was in that yeer *Sennacherib* King of *Aſſyria* departed from the Siege of *Jeruſalem*, and had One hundred and fourſcore thouſand men ſlain in his Army. You may read what ſucceeded after, 2 *Kings* cap. 19.

*Anno mundi* 3470, and 19 of *April*, the Sun was eclipſed; at what time *Xerxes* went with his innumerable Army againſt the *Greeks*, and was as valiantly beaten at *Thermopylas* and *Salamine*.

*Anno mundi* 3621, there was a totall Eclipſe of the Moon; and it was onely twelve days before the great Fight betwixt *Darius* and *Alexander*; and this was upon *Saturday* the 20 of *September*. The Monarchy of *Perſia*, by the overthrow of this Battel, vaniſhed, after it had ruled *Aſia* 200 yeers.

*Anno mundi* 3733, there was an horrible Eclipſe of the Sun, the 11 of *February*. Who is converſant in Hiſtory, may finde, that not long after *Hannibal* ſlew fifteen thouſand *Romanes*, and *Ptolomeus Philopater* King of *Egypt* overthrew *Antiochus*; after which Victory, the proud King, being inſolent, entred the *Sanctum Sanctorum* of the *Jews*, for which he was puniſhed by God, and ſo returned into *Egypt*.

*Anno Chriſti* 45, ſome ſay, 47, the Sun ſuffered an Eclipſe the firſt of *Auguſt*; after which followed that ſad Famine univer-

fall to all the world, propheſied of by *Agabus*, *Act.* 11. But haſten.

*Anno Chriſti* 807, the Sun was eclipſed once, and the Moon twice: there ſucceeded inſtantly very great Diviſion in the Empire under *Charles* the Great.

*Anno Chriſti* 813, an Eclipſe of the Sun preceded the death of *Carolus Magnus*.

*Anno Chriſti* 891, after an Eclipſe of the Sun, the Emperour and Princes of *Italy* fell at variance, and mutually invaded each other; by which means *Italy* was fearfully afflicted for many yeers.

I finde ſome remarkable Obſervations in *Plutarch* after Eclipſes; as theſe: At what time *Pericles* armed 150 Ships, and was ready to ſet ſail, an Eclipſe of the Sun happened, which being conceived to be ominous by ſome, *Pericles* derided the Prognoſtick: But ſee the words following, *But* Pericles *hoyſing Sail notwithſtanding, did no notable or ſpeciall Service anſwerable to ſo great an Army or Preparation; for which he was deprived of his Charge of Generall, &c. and fined at fifteen Talents.*

In the Life of *Pelopidas* you ſhall read, that upon his ſecond Journey againſt the Tyrant *Alexander* of *Pheres*, a great Eclipſe of the Sun was, cauſing great darkneſſe at noon-day. You may read, *fol.* 303 in *Plutarch*, that *Pelopidas* wilfulneſſe, contrary to the advice of ſome in the Army, coſt him his life: for not onely thoſe that were then verſed in Soothſaying, but his own Citizens, told him, That this Eclipſe did threaten the death of ſome great Perſon like himſelf, *&c.* which his death exactly verified.

You ſhall alſo read in the Life of *Nicias*, That inſtantly after an Eclipſe of the Moon, the *Syracuſians* overthrew the whole Power of the *Athenians* by Sea; and he himſelf, and *Demoſthenes*, were taken Priſoners, and not long after loſt their lives.

During the Effects of a *Lunar* Eclipſe, and upon ſome prodigious Sights in the air, *Dyoniſius* Tyrant of *Syracuſa* was enforced to flee, and that City, after 48 yeers, reſtored to liberty. That was no weak Judgement therefore that *Miltas* the Soothſayer reſolutely delivered, upon ſight thereof: *My good friends, be of good chear, and aſſure your ſelves that we ſhall proſper; for God doth foreſhew us, by this Sight we ſee, that ſome one of the*

*chiefest things now in highest place and dignity shall be eclipsed.*

He that shall please but to peruse *Leovitius de Conjunctionibus & Eclipsibus*, may be more fully satisfied.

And yet if examples of late yeers work any thing in us, we cannot forget that eminent Eclipse in 1639, and in the moneth of *May*: I am sure we were never quiet since: It was fully visible in our Horizon. We may not forget the overthrow of the *Spanish* Fleet upon our *English* Coasts, within four moneths after, *&c.*

In all my reading, I finde *Solar* Eclipses are most ominous to Princes, to Authority, Magistracy, *&c.* and that Eclipses of the Moon do both afflict King and People; but most properly incite and excite the Subjects to Arms, and the vulgar against his Lord and Master.

For whereas the *Solar* Eclipse puts difference betwixt one Prince and another, betwixt one State & another, one Noble-man and another, each Common-wealth against his next neighbour; a *Lunar* Eclipse, on the contrary, stirs up people of more ignoble Condition, to strive against their Ministers that have power over them, *&c.*

*The Effects of the present Eclipse prosecuted.*

IF that Sentence of *Ptolomey* be admitted for truth, *Lib.* 2. *c.* 7. *Quacunq; Stella erratica pluribus dignitatibus utriq; loco, id est defectui ipsius, & hoc sequentis cardinis associabitur, Sola dominabitur*: Which in *English* runs thus: *That Planet which hath most Dignities in the degree or place eclipsed, and angle succeeding, shall be ruler of the Eclipse*: that is, Consider his nature and position, how he is well or ill affected, and how and by whom aspected, and accordingly judge of the Events.

By which Doctrine we may be bold to affirm, that *Mars* shall principally rule the effects of this Eclipse, as having most dominion in the place of the defect, and solely ruling the angle subsequent, which is the Ascendant. If I deviate an hairs breadth from truth, I must expect some dirty fool to throw out non-sense in Print against me: therefore observe if *Cardan* confirm not my words, *Lib.* 20. *fol.* 258. *Cum enim idem fuerit Dominus loci de-*

*ſequii, & loci ſequentis anguli, ille prorſus erit Dominus & Principalis:* When the ſame Planet is Lord of the place eclipſed, and of the ſequent angle, he ſhall be altogether or eſpecially Lord of the Eclipſe. To which Judgement *Campanella*, fol.84, conſenteth, while he delivers, *Validior eſt, qui deliquii loco & cardinis plus poteſt.* And yet in deſigning the effects of the Eclipſe, we are to conſider the Predominancy and Fortitudes of the reſt of the Planets, and their mutuall Aſpects each to other, their poſition in the heaven, ſigne and quarter; for they will challenge ſomething in the Effects, as *Ptolomey, lib.2. cap.8*, ſaith, *Hoc ſumitur a natura dominantium Stellarum, quæ ſunt in præcipuis locis, & earum commixtione inter ſeſe, & cum iis locis in quibus eſſe conſpiciuntur.* We ought (ſaith he) to take ſignification of the Eclipſe, from thoſe Stars that are moſt powerfull in the chiefeſt places of heaven, and their commixtion one with another, together in thoſe places in which they are poſited.

But ſith *Ptolomey* delivers us a kinde of Method, we ſhall willingly follow it, in manifeſtation of the Effects now ſubſequent.

Wherein we firſt conſider,

The Kingdoms, Cities, or Common-wealths of *Europe* likely to ſuffer; as alſo, what manner of men be moſt probably to ſmart by the Effects.

In our Figure, becauſe the Eclipſe is in a fiery Signe, the fiery Triplicity is paſſive, *viz. Aries, Leo, Sagittarius.*

*In defectibus Solis & Lunæ maximè inſignibus, conſiderabimus locum Zodiaci, in quo fuit luminum defectus, & ei loco juxta Trigonorum diſtributionem familiares, & quæ Urbes propter Horoſcopum in exſtructione, aut propter locum quem eo tempore tenuerunt, aut propter medium-Cœli in Nativitatibus Principum earum regionum familiaritatem habent cum loco defectus:* Ptol. *lib.2. cap.5.* In Eclipſes of the Sun and Moon, we conſider the place of the Zodiak, and thoſe Regions familiar to that place, according to the diſtribution of Triplicities, and what Cities at their Foundation had their Horoſcope either the place of the Signe eclipſed, or wherein either of the Lights at that time were in the degree defective: and we alſo conſider if the *medium-Cœli* of the Princes Nativity then governing, be the Signe and Degree of the Eclipſe.

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Of all which, we ſhall make good uſe in its proper time.

We muſt alſo conſider thoſe Countreys which are under, or properly belong to the ſecond Quadrangle, *viz. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio* and *Aquarius*; ſo that upon the matter, any Prince or great perſon that hath his Aſcendant, Mid-heaven, or place of the Sun or Moon in or about the 26, 27, 28, or 29 of *Taurus, Leo, Scorpio*, or *Aquarius*, is made capable of receiving good or ill by this preſent Eclipſe.

*Germany, France, England, Denmark, Italy, Turkie, Bohemia, Spain, Hungaria, Moravia*, ſtand all ſubject to the frown of this Eclipſe.

Part of *Swedland, Polonia, Ruſſia, Valachia, Weſtphalia, Bavaria*, to all theſe Kingdoms and Countreys the Eclipſe will be viſible, and theſe Countreys Aſcendants having affinity either in Triplicity, or being of the ſecond Quadrangle, muſt participate of the actions, more or leſſe, which may be expected from this Eclipſe.

As to men, the fiery Trygon repreſents men of great Quality, of higheſt Command. *Remember, you great ones, that in* January *laſt, the ſame Decanate of* Leo, *or the ten laſt degrees of this preſent Signe of* Leo *was afflicted, and now the ſame face of the Signe again the ſecond time, all in one yeer. Sed quæ non proſunt ſingula, multa juvant.* Its not true in Eclipſes, as in other things, *The more, the merrier:* The fewer Eclipſes, the leaſt hurt. More fully of this in the ſequele.

*The ſecond thing conſiderable, is,* De genere Effectum: viz. *Of the kindes of the Effects.*

IN what manner and kinde the Effects of the Eclipſe ſhall manifeſt themſelves, we cannot diſcern, unleſſe we know what Planet principally rules the place defective. *Nam qui Planeta pluribus modis congruit, ad utrumq; locum defectus, & ad cardinem qui ſequitur hic Solus dominabitur*; Ptol. *cap.* 7. *lib.* 2. What Planet hath moſt Dignities in the place of both the Lights (this is when there's an Eclipſe of the Moon) and the Angle ſubſequent, he onely ſhall rule the Effects, or demonſtrate the quality of them; as, whether War, Famine, Plague, *&c.*

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In our Scheam, *Mars* rules, without any contradiction, both the defective place, and the Angle following: he is neer some fixed Stars of his own nature, and is in a *semi-Sextill*, if that Aspect be considerable to the place afflicted, by which he is the more fortified, and made more significant in the Effects.

Although the Sun and Moon are powerfull in this Position, yet (*consideratis considerandis*) they are at no time admitted to signifie the quality of the Effects. *Nam* Sol & Luna *aliarum Stellarum sunt & præcipuæ causæ eventuum, & Regunt Stellarum dominia & dominantium vires aut confirmant aut languefaciunt:* Ptol. *lib.*2. *cap.* 8. The Sun and Moon are Governours of other Stars, and are principall causes of the Effects, and sway the rule of the Stars, and either strengthen or weaken their forces.

I may well say, *Mars* is in *Libra*; however, he is in a humane Signe, if he be in *Virgo*.

*Figuræ adspiciantur in quibus sit defectus, & in quibus sunt Stellæ dominantes, unde genus eventuum judicari poterit:* Ptol. *lib.* 2. *cap.*7. Consider the form of the Signe in which the Eclipse is, and wherein especially the Planets having any predominancy are, and by that you may judge of the kindes of the effects.

The Signe wherein the Eclipse falls, is *Leo*, a ferall Signe. *Damnum ex domesticis & mansuetis domesticis, & ad utilitates vitæ accommodatis, viz. ex bobus, equis & aliis.* Men shall receive damage by losse of their domestick tame beasts, *viz.* Horse, Ox, Sheep: so that I perceive here's like to be great scarcity of these creatures, after which, expect a direfull Famine.

*Firma sive fixa signa significant fundamenta & ædificia.* Fixed Signes intimate, the Judgement of this Eclipse will in part fall upon things long since founded, and upon Buildings, Houses, Towers, Castles, Forts; the subversion of many ancient Seats, erecting many new Fortifications, *&c.*

As to men, the Defect is in the Mid-heaven, the Effects portend matter to Kingdoms, Kings, to men of middle-age, to all manner of men in Authority whatsoever: *Ptol. cap.*7. *lib.*2.

Indeed the House of heaven is extremely considerable; for it falling in the tenth, the Effects shall be glorious, famous, eminent, of mighty concernment, published all over the world.

*Mars* either in *Libra* or *Virgo*, must have judgement in thisn a-

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ture: *Quæ habent figuram humanam, significant eventus fore hominibus.* The over-ruling Planets being in Humane Signes, Man and Mankinde are concerned: All which shall be explicated by and by.

*The third thing considerable, is, Whether the Events of this Eclipse shall intend good or ill.*

*Consideratio vero Stellarum quæ præcipuum jus in commixtione habent, indicat eventuum qualitatem*: Which in effect tells you what I formerly repeated, *viz.* That those Planets which in their mixture one with another have most Dignities, do shew the quality of the Events.

It might be easily judged, that, sith *Mars* rules the Ascendant and place Eclipsed, and is entring *Libra* his Detriment, and is naturally an enemy to all good, and to man, that we must expect but sad Times, and in plain terms, that we must look for a woefull desolation and destruction of man: For the Ascendant signifieth in generall, Mankinde, or Commonalty of every Nation. So then, according to the *Ptolomeian* Doctrine, without any Comment, evil is to be looked for from the Effects of this Eclipse.

How to apply all preceding to the present Purpose, is now my Task.

*Nec in mixtionibus tantum errantium congressus intelligo, sed aliarum, quoque similes naturas sive fixarum, sive locorum significri, vel familiaritates cum errantibus supra indicatæ sunt.*

Nor do I (saith *Ptolomey*) in the mixture of the Planets onely consider their Conjunctions or sole Aspects, of what nature soever they be; but also the nature as well of the fixed Stars, as places of Heaven, if they consent with the nature and quality of the Planets.

*Si Planeta vincens super Eclipsin sit maleficus, significat malum & detrimentum.* An evil Planet ruling the Eclipse, he portends evil, *&c.* This is also the Opinion of *Junctine.*

When I see *Aquarius* descending in the fourth, and the *Dragons tail* so neer the Cusp of the House, and *Saturn* Retrograde in the seventh, a fixed Signe; What assurance have I that the

most stately Buildings of this Kingdom shall escape ruine, or most ancient Cities and Towns desolation? I cannot shorten those Miseries I see depending on this Influence, or convert the Signes fixed into moveable: for the Evils portended, are to be maliciously permanent.

A crooked and perverse Generation of men, hath cunningly ensnared all or most part of *Europe*, in these prepostrous Wars now on foot. *Lord God of heaven, direct the heart of some wise man to salve these grievous Maladies.*

We have already handled the Effects which may attend that unusuall Apparition of the three Suns; and now, leaving our former Method, undertook onely to benefit such as are not conversant in Judgement of Eclipses; we come more neerer to what we first intended.

THe Effects of this Eclipse shall not determine untill *December*, 1647; untill which time, we shall have eight Eclipses, but hardly any, but one, visible in *England* or *Europe*. There doth also in this interval of time happen about fifty Conjunctions of the Planets amongst themselves, which are materially considerable, and ought to be made use of: And herein I mention no Lunations, *&c.*

*Scito, quod in Eclipsi Solis non potest fieri, quin significetur magnum aliquod accidens secundum quantitatem Eclipsis*: Junctinus in Speculo, *fol.*310. Whosoever thou art that readest these lines, I would have thee know, That no Eclipse of the Sun can be, but some grand matter is signified thereby, according to the quantity or greatnesse of the Eclipse. And if you will know more particularly, or something more neer the matter, *Junctine* tells us, *Eclipses Luminarium in Triplicitate ignea, denuntiant armentorum, pecudumq; interritus, magni Regis seu Principis exilium, carceres, aut internecionem.* An Eclipse of the Lights in the fiery Triplicity, doth signifie and declare the destruction of whole Herds of Cattel, and their death: as also, some famous King or Prince his Exile or Banishment, his restraint of liberty, or Captivity, whether you will; as also, his Slaughter.

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The Signe wherein this Eclipſe is, all men know, is of the foremention'd Triplicity: its warning enough to be thus plainly dealt withall. What *Junctine* ſaith of Kings, I ſay of Nobles, great Peers, Knights, *&c.* *Inter plebeios & potentiores odia, mutuas ſimultates, diſſidia, magni exercitus motum, Bella horrida, hominum ſtrages, incendia, furta, rapinas & depopulationes.* The Eclipſe denounceth rancour and malice betwixt the vulgar perſon, or Commonalty and great perſons, pretty diſſembling with each other, diſagreements in Opinion, the motion of ſome great Army, horrible Wars, multitudes of men ſlain, many curious Buildings burned to the ground, much Theevery, pillaging and plundering, many Towns, Villages and Countreys depopulated, or left naked of Inhabitants.

Shall our troubles be ſo great, we ſhall expect all thoſe forenamed Miſeries? *I pray God divert his Judgements, and make us penitent, ere theſe threatned Miſchiefs light on our heads.*

Again, *Prægnantium abortivos, acutas febres, epidemiam ob aëris æredinem & caumata, frugum ſterilitatem, & annonæ penuriam, in Regionibus præcipuè quæ Eclipſis Signo ſubjiciuntur, excellentem mutationem.* Women ſhall miſcarry, men ſhall have ſharp Feavers, an univerſall Plague and Peſtilence cauſed by heats and blaſtings of the air, great ſcarcity of fruits, want of Proviſion for man, as Victuals, Corn, Proviſion, *&c.* Theſe things are more vigorouſly to operate to thoſe Kingdoms ſubject to the Signe of *Leo*, then to *Aries* and *Sagittarius*. Some famous Alteration.

It may be feared, that of *Cardan* will prove too true: *Eclipſium Solis effectus potentes ſunt, unde ſi in florentem meſſem inciderint, ſterilitatem afferunt:* Cardanus *Seg.* 2. *Apho.* 16. The operations of a *Solar* Eclipſe are powerfull; which if they fall to be in the beginning of a flouriſhing Harveſt, they ſhew a Barrenneſſe to follow.

Our Eclipſe at this time is in *Auguſt*, when we in the South of *England*, and generally over all the Kingdom, are buſie in getting it in. *I pray God make our Harveſt fruitfull, and bleſſe the Husbandman with a plentifull Crop, and a peaceable enjoying what he hath taken ſore pains for.* We may fear ſome Diſaſter amongſt us at that time, and my Judgement may prove more reall then I wiſh.

But the decay of Tillage and Husbandry is the leaſt thing (though very conſiderable) which is intended by the Eclipſe: We muſt elevate our Conceptions; men of an higher ſtrain and condition are aimed at. Doth the Eagle catch at Flyes? Shall an Eclipſe in a Fiery Signe, and a Kingly Houſe, principally intend the vulgar man, or private Countrey-Gentleman? No: *Arma, Bella horrida, Virumque cano, &c.* In truth, there's War, Famine, a grievous devouring and deſtructive Vengeance to be poured down upon ſome unthankfull Families of *Europe*, of which, without doubt, ſome live in our own Countrey of *England*, ſome in *Scotland*, many in *Ireland*: Upon what Houſe, Man, or Family in particular, there I muſt be ſilent.

The Star in *Caſſiopeia*, 1572. thoſe many apparitions of Comets ſince, thoſe unaccuſtomed Sights in the Air, greater and leſſer Conjunctions of the Planets in the Fiery Trygon, multitude of Eclipſes both Solar and Lunar, are the ſad Meſſengers of the downfall of one, nay I ſay of many egregious Families of *Europe*.

Yet if my ſearch into the moſt ſecret Cabinet of Aſtrologie doth not delude my impartiall Judgement, my more ſerious Conceptions tell me, There's a Man or a Family in *Europe*, is not far from attaining an exceſſe in Dominion and Soveraignty. The time of this Mans growth, or Families, to ſuch an height, draws on and neer; the time is not menſurable in dayes, or moneths, nor in Centuries of yeers; the unnaturall War of every Countrey, helps forward and prepares the matter, whiles the good man (if he be born) ſleeps quietly, untill that Angel appointed for his Guardian, excite him in a moment to rouze up his meditating thoughts, and to convert Conſultation into Action.

As the State of *France* now ſtands, or *Spain*, or *Italy*, How incredible and improbable a thing do I ſpeak of, or ſhould do, if I ſhould deliver, That a man not yet in Action, ſhould turn the fate of thoſe Kingdoms in a moment, and, like the Son of Thunder, in leſſe weeks or moneths, not many yeers, in leſſe then man can imagine, ſettle thoſe vaſt Kingdoms as himſelf beſt likes, and then diſpoſe of other Kingdoms then in Diſtraction by Miſſives rather then the Sword, *&c.*

But I forget my ſelf, I ſee *Saturn* Lord of the third and fourth

Houſe,

Houſe, Retrograde in the ſeventh. *Saturnus præeſt plebi, ſenſibus, infirmis, ob hoc cum vitæ inimicus ſit facile tales omnes percunt aggregatim.* *Saturn* hath command, and repreſents old men, every common Clown or vulgar man, and every ſick man, becauſe he is enemy to Nature. Now ſuch manner of men ſhall die and periſh in whole companies or ſwarms.

Wo to the man that digs the ground, and thinks to enrich himſelf by turning up fat furrows, or in expectation of thriving Crops.

Wo to that aged man that wants ſtrength to manage his feeble body in a time of ſo much ſorrow as the Eclipſe ſaith is approaching.

When the daring or cruell Enemy comes neer us, what ſhall the infirm man do? neither able to move or be moved: Periſh he muſt, flee he cannot; there's no way aſſigned but death, yea, although he was the ſon of a father moſt eminent.

But again to the purpoſe. *Si in Revolvendo anno, Regni Stella in ſigno depreſſionis inventa fuerit, magnus aliquis vir ex ſtellæ ipſius natura morietur: Ptol. Apho.* 31. In handling the Judgement or Revolution of a yeer, if a Planet that is uſually taken for Lord of that Kingdom be in his depreſſion, *viz.* Either in his detriment or fall, ſome great perſon of the nature of that Planet will die that yeer.

This is like to be fatall to the Kingdom of *England*; for in *Figura mundi*, *Saturn* was in his fall.

In this preſent Eclipſe, *Mars*, that hath ſole dominion in the Aſcendant and place eclipſed, is in his detriment.

It cannot be the death of any vulgar or ordinary man, that is hereby intended to be ſent to another world.

*Mars* repreſents great perſons, principall Commanders in our Armies as well as in His Majeſties. Truely I fear an eminent Commander.

*Cavete viri, qui ſunt tanquam Princes.*

You that are in eſteem like Princes, and domineer like little Kings, beware every one of you, in every County and City; you are ſaid to be gods, you ſhall die like other men, *&c.* diſgraced, odious, *&c.*

Its not one onely man that is intended by the Heavens to be

the mock of Fortune, and ſcorn of Mankinde ; there's a ſignification of many, that are to undergo a very hard and unpleaſant Doom, ere the Influence of this Eclipſe ſhall have period, or the Portent of the three Suns be fully determined.

*Obſecro, mi Domine mitte, quem miſſurus es.*

I may be derided for predicting ſo much : but I rather laugh at their folly, that, having been oft premoniſhed, amend not their lives, and endeavour Compoſition of theſe unhappie Diſſentions now too prevalent all over Chriſtendom.

What great one ſoever thou art of *England*, or of any Nation of *Europe*, that haſt the 28 or 27 of *Leo* aſcending at thy birth, or the ſame degree of *Taurus*, *Scorpio* or *Aquarius*, to thee I ſay, Thou art in great danger of death, or mighty diſturbance in thy health, ere this Revolution of almoſt two yeers be compleated. I am not idle, but thou art mad, and out of thy wits, if thou doeſt not beware in time.

Let us admit thou haſt the ſame degree culminating, look to thine Honour, Crown and Dignity, if thou art a King, thou ſhalt aſſuredly receive blemiſh in thy fame and eſtimation, nor ſhalt thou eſcape without hazarding thy Crown, or moſt fearfull ſcandals on thy Reputation.

Haſt thou the ſame degrees aſcending on the Cuſp of the ſeventh? Art thou a King? thou ſhalt have War unlook'd for, enemies without number, domeſtick and forreign, ſhall invade thee ; look to be plunged to purpoſe, and to ſuffer diſcontent without period : thoſe as dear unto thee as thy wife in thy boſom, ſhall betray thee by indirect counſels.

Haſt thou the ſaid degree upon the Cuſp of the fourth houſe? Art thou Emperour of *Conſtantinople* ? Thy father left thee more Kingdoms then thou ſhalt leave thy ſon : Loſe part of thy Dominions, I deſire thee ; the Fates will have it ſo. Art thou of the Noble *Auſtrian* Family ? or art thou King of *England*, *France*, *Spain*, or *Denmark*? Be all or any of you aſſured to have a ſhare in theſe Calamities : a part or parcell, an arm or a branch of your Kingdoms will be lopt off from you.

Is there any man hath the Sun or the Moon in the 28 degree of *Leo* or *Aquarius* at the time of his birth ? let him ponder theſe words of *Ptolomey*, lib. 2. cap. 8. *Sed periculoſum in primis*

*mis & inevitabile est, si ipsæ Eclipticorum locorum partes aut oppositæ, coinciderint cum gradibus alter utrius Luminum, quos genituræ tempore possederunt.* The sense of which words runs thus; That if an Eclipse happen in that Eclipticall degree in which at the time of birth either of the Lights, *viz.* Sun or Moon, were, its an argument (saith he) of some danger at hand hardly to be avoided.

We cannot forget that fearfull losse His Majestie of *Spain* suffered not long after the Eclipse of the Sun in *Geminis*, 1639. Truely I fear that same potent Prince must have another such like Brush; for the three Suns doth in a manner deliver so much: And look carefully what Nation or Prince suffered upon the Influence of that Eclipse, shall again by these three Suns apparition, in a more then miraculous way, if it be possible, be loaded with misfortune.

Prodigies in Heaven, of Heaven, and from Heaven, appear not in vain: Eclipses do ever foreshew some notorious and eminent matter neer hand, yea, in a most peaceable season.

The Courts of all Princes shall be stricken dead with fear, horrour and amazement; Privy Counsellours shall be trampled down like dirt under our feet.

In the East, from the East, or somewhat South-east, shall the beginnings of some miraculous Accidents have some first life, motion and beginning. But this is quite out of the Text.

If, as the wisest men conceive, the Sun and Moon do govern our body and spirit, and so moderate the Elements, that all men, even every vulgar person understands it; what shall we then think to be more admired or formidable, then when we, upon a sudden, see these most glorious Bodies obscured, and their light taken from our present sight? We may from thence imagine, somewhat more then ordinary is drawing on.

It was therefore well and rightly said of *Ptolomey*: *Cardinales Eclipses sunt pollentiores, ac vehementius afficiunt, quippe quum cardines sint mundi prima loca in quibus cum Planetæ collocati, cum Majestate præsideant.* Eclipses that are in Angles are more prevalent, and more fiercely afflict; for Angels are the chiefest places of the Figure, wherein when Planets are posited, they rule as it were with majestie.

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Our Eclipſe begins in the tenth, its middle and end is there alſo. How wonderfull and eminent Deſignes, Changes of Fortunes in the ſtates of great perſons is hereby to be expected, and theſe all over *Europe*, doubtleſſe ſuch things ſhall hereby come to paſſe, as this Generation now living hath ſcarce been acquainted with the like.

Here's mad work in hand: Kings and Lords clouded; Clowns and ſilly fellows climbing aloft: The world is almoſt turning Topſie-turvey.

What is the matter, that a ſudden Affright ſhall amaze the *Italian* Princes? They that ere-while thought of no ſuch thing, ſhall now tremble for fear: So ſhall *Pamphilio* the Pope fume to no purpoſe, and be in as much danger by a Conſpiracy at home, as if he were abroad, and amidſt a rude ſort of enemies. But whether this Eclipſe ſhall point out his death within the compaſſe of two yeers, it little concerns me; nor if he be preſented with a Spaniſh Fig, and die thereof, ſhall my conſcience be any thing troubled.

I finde, upon the laſt Reſtauration of *Rome*, 1506. that both *Mars*, *Saturn*, and the *Dragons tail*, were in *Leone*, in the ſecond Houſe. We have, in the moneth of *Auguſt*, a totall Eclipſe of the Moon, though not viſible in *Europe*, in the 15 of *Aquarius*. I admoniſh the Prelaticall Tribe of Cardinals to provide good ſtore of Money, and the Citizens of *Rome* to be no niggards of their purſes: A Famine is threatned to them, and ſome parts of *Italy*; and a ſudden fire is like to deſcend, to the conſuming of many ſtately houſes: Neither do I poſitively affirm, that a ſtrong Intruder ſhall waſte part of *Italy*, or ſupplant ſome very good Families therein. I ſee plenty of Conſults amongſt the Princes, fruitleſſe Embaſſages, variance upon Niceties, even to wearineſſe, a giddineſſe amongſt wiſe people. Worthy men, you have moſt admirable men amongſt you, that yet keep a Traditionall learning amongſt you, as ancient as *Hermes*, whereby you may be better provided, *Quid agendum*. I love *Italy*, and am no *Mahometan*.

But I paſſe by *Italy*, ſith her Princes in a moment may confer with men as deſerving as any in *Europe*.

*Conſtantinople* is like to grone under the Preſſures of ſome mercileſſe

merciless fires, and extravagant commanding Souldiers: A Plague will wander thorow that spacious City, to the consumption of some scores of thousands.

Nor is any great successe to attend the Emperours of *Greece*, whom we call *The great Turk*: An inferiour People shall give him a Baffle, and he contented with a Flea in his ear.

If thou art *English*, and disaffected to our present Parliament and City of *London*, thou expectest I should speak somewhat of this famous Citie, so terrible to our now-mischievous enemies. The exact Scheam thereof thou gettest not from me, no not with large promise of money or reward: for, have not I read some Treatises called *T & Z*?

Countrey-men, I tell you, *Gemini* is in the eighth House of this Eclipticall Figure; but *Mercury*, that is Lord thereof, is in *Virgo*, his own house, angular, and departing from the Sunbeams. Wilt thou have me speak plain *English*? This very Citie must suffer a share in the effects of this Eclipse, it were a wonder else, the times considered: I fear not the Plague very much; I rather fear hurt unto us by Pyracy, losse of Ships, and the death of many poor Creditors abroad, and from thence a generall Damage to the Citizens.

Indeed, courteous *George Naworth*, I would not reside in *London*, were I as doubtfull of its safety, as I am confident of some Calamity to *Oxford*. Our Citie must stand yet, to day, and to morrow, this moneth and one more, this yeer and the next, and 52 besides. He that understands this Riddle, shall know more then a little: he that takes it to the letter, mistakes my meaning: he that would know the truth, *viz.* when, and how long, he must first know the Astrologicall way of numbers, and what doth mean 1732, then he may give a moderate sense, and yet come short of the Authors meaning, and of truth it self; yet shall he come to a knowledge not despicable, nor repent that he spent some time in the disquisition hereof.

*Magnorum facias Principum significatorem Solem, vel aliquem de superioribus*: Herm. *Apho.* 7. Make the Sun, or some of the Superiours, significator of great Princes. It is so; the heavens doubly and trebly give that warning which I have set down unto Kings, Princes, *&c.*

But why, or wherefore, will some busie-body say? I answer with *Hermes*, *In Revolutione annorum mundi multæ difficultates erunt & prælia, cum in exaltationibus fuerint* Jupiter *&* Saturnus. In the Revolution of one of the yeers of the world, you shall judge many difficulties and Battels, when *Saturn* or *Jupiter* are in their Exaltations. If this hold true in a Figure of the Suns entrance into *Aries*, much more in an eminent Eclipse. We have onely *Jupiter* of those two Planets exalted in our Scheam, he doth by his now-position signifie unto us things concerning Religion, Laws, Leagues, Covenants, all manner of Association, either of one Prince with another, or man with man generally: as here posited, now he prenotes high points to be in handling, in things Divine. *Jove* is but entring his exaltation: Shall a people begin, with great ardour and vigour, to contrive new Tenents in Religion, and not live to see them confirmed?

Is there no stability in this world? One Sect to day, another to morrow. Shall lesse then a Sabbath of yeers blot almost out of remembrance many fruitlesse Niceties in Doctrine? Why the Clergie of *Europe*, in a time so troublesome, should invent so many new Opinions, to be permanent so little a while, I know not.

What shall we do? or whither do we arrive with these generall Disputes? I see *Jupiter* direct at the time of the Eclipse, but Retrograde two moneths after. We have a Proverb in *English* doth well expresse that sense, *viz. He was turned out of his place, before he was warm in his Gears*: The assured sense hereof is this, That when the world thinks Religion setled, its then furthest off from a sollid confirmation. One Generation comes, and another passeth away; the later usually corrects and refines the former: So will it be, even till man, as well as Religion, in this world have no more being.

In person I am not more remote from *Utopia*, then my judgement from finding the year of the world when unity in Doctrinall or Ceremoniall points shall be.

*Conjunctiones totius anni Oppositionesq; & Quadraturas necesse est ut considereș, per has causantur diversæ transmutationes temporum.* Consider the severall Conjunctions, Oppositions, Quadratures

dratures of the whole yeer, for divers and sundry transmutations of the yeer are caused from thence, &c. Wherefore, finding a dangerous Opposition of *Saturn* and *Mars*, *Saturn* in 2 *deg.* 19. *min. Taurus*, and *Mars* in 2. *deg.* 29. *min. Scorpio*, the later end of *September*; I was doubtfull what it might in generall signifie, sith the Aspect happens so neer the Cusps of the East angle and seventh house, in the Figure of the Eclipse: For, *Oppositiones infortunarum in diversis latitudinibus terribilem habebunt effectum, demonstrabunt, inducentq; effectus velociter interficientes & auferentes vitam.* An Opposition of the two Infortunes, having divers Latitudes, (as now they have) hath most terrible effects, they will demonstrate and induce their effects furiously, and such as shall kill and take away the life of man: But upon which side, or on what party these foreseen slaughters shall fall, you must give me leave to expatiate my self, and so I will.

Nor let that vain and enforced Opinion, without sense, honesty, or art, in that purblinde-Prognostication (Printed at *Oxford* by His Majesties command) any thing move those that stand well-affected to the Parliament, upon this direfull forenamed Opposition. The words of that wrangling fellow called *Naworth*, or *Wharton*, or a man of a double name, in the Prognostication of *September*, are these: *At Michaelmas there's an hatefull Opposition of* Saturn *and* Mars: *Something of great consequence will be done about that time, prejudicious to the Rebels.* The Parliament, Citizens of *London*, and all those naturall *English* that adhere unto them, are called Rebels by that ungodly Tribe of scornfull Monsters at *Oxford*, and this scurrilous Language Printed by command. *Vix credo.*

But why this Opposition should prejudice the Parliament, I see not: It promiseth them such a Victory over their enemies, as they yet never had. And I will refer the reason of the Judgement to any moderate Artist. In this Eclipse, *Mars* is Lord of the Ascendant, and so hath signification of our Parliaments affairs; *Saturn* therein is their enemy, because placed in the seventh house: Now when *Mars* in his own house comes to Opposition of *Saturn*, having no Fortitudes, if we knock not our enemies soundly, I say then God is angry with us. It points out something else, &c.

But let this man of errour consider the Figure of the Suns entrance into *Libra*, the 12 of *September* next, and he shall finde, to his grief, the *Dragons tail* in the tenth house, and *Saturn* Lord of the tenth, in the twelfth, Retrograde: let him boast, if he can, of that position, and see if such a glorious Conquest be thereby signified to chance to the Kingdoms Vipers, as he Trayterously propheseieth. Nothing troubles me more, then in unfolding the truth I must instruct this Changling, that pretends himself a Regall Prog-man (for Astrologer he is none.) But to save me a labour, I finde in the Judgement of my loving friend Master *Booker* upon the Autumnall Quarter, these words, which clearly end the Controversie, out of such Authors as the Highway-finder *G. W.* sometimes to little purpose doth mention.

*There can be nothing worse* (saith Master *Booker*) *then the Dragons tail in the tenth: for* Guido, *fol.* 595, *saith*, Significat impedimentum Regum atque Nobilium, & Magnatum, & diminutionem honoris eorum seu dignitatum. *Kings, Nobles, and great persons, shall have many impediments, and their honour and dignity blasted. The losse of Honour is a signall of Victory, in* Naworths *opinion.* Albumazar dixit, significat depositionem, & pericula, & peregrinationem seu casum. Albumazar *saith, When the Dragons tail is in the tenth, it signifieth the deposing, danger, or oft running up and down, or some Fall, to chance to Kings, Princes, great Nobles,* &c. *Some might have Englished the Latine, and it would bear the sense well, as if such persons should be enforced to flee away,* &c.

O what cause of insulting here is on *Naworths* side! when its almost conspicuous, in that Naturall way we both judge by, *George* his best friends must be utterly routed, trudge & run away with such trinkets as they can get; and amongst the rest, I know *George* himself, Budget, Almanack, some say a Gown, I hear of no Cloke, will not be the last man that runs, for fear of being taken prisoner, and delivered over to Master *Booker*, with whom I promise to intercede for good Quarter, because *George* pretends to the Mathematicks.

But letting this Quibling Novice alone till he is better literated, I shall do well to inform the world what the greatest Actions of this Eclipse may be.

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In a word, they are like to be of divers kindes ; but those of most eminency signified by *Mars*, who tells you of most unnaturall Wars, of unusuall Treachery in the Courts of Princes; he tells you a Famine shall follow the effects of the Eclipse ; he tells you of the losse and drowning of men in Ships, Pyracies, Shipwracks, whole Cities, Countreys, Towns, wasted, consumed, depopulated, burned down to ashes, shot down to the ground, and made Rubbish of; fearfull and horrible Insurrections, Discontents, of Rapine, Murder, Thefts, Plunder, Pillaging, death of severall young Nobles and Princes, or men of Princely Progenie : he threatens Poison to great ones, unusuall Feavers, multiplicity of Sea-fights, infinite Losses at Sea, multitudes of Pyrats, a Plague amongst men, Murrain amongst Cattel, Mutinies of servants against Masters, destruction of Sheep and little Cattel, *&c.*

Kings shall hazard their Scepters by Wars, Subjects their Liberties, Cities and Towns their Priviledges : He threatens a generall confusion and madnesse upon the face of the earth ; and that *Europe* is totally out of the right way ; that the Emperour of *Germany*, the later end of this yeer, will run a great hazard with the *Swedes* ; that *France* is not many yeers to continue in that Peace the Cardinall left it ; and that the *Spaniard* shall have one lustie day over the *French*.

If we credit the principall Signification of the Eclipse, with its Appurtenances, Consequences, Configuration by it self, and compared with preceding Conjunctions of the superiour Planets, and with subsequent Aspects for some yeers succeding, it doth whisper as if some Designe were in hand, or minting, to make oooo Master of *Europe*, and possessed of more ground then his Ancestors left him or them.

We see *Jupiter* in *Cancer* · Here's like to be tugging to settle some scrupulous Tenents, be they right or wrong, its no matter, say some. *Zizania cum tritico usq; ad diem messis crescunt.* Tares grow up with the wheat till Harvest, but then, *&c.* I will pray for Peace, though, being a great sinner, I despair of obtaining it.

This Eclipse is the Forerunner or Messenger of the death of some of the most eminent persons of *Europe* : As the Eclipse

falls out in the later degrees of a Signe, it prenotes the death of some aged person, and he a King, or not much lesse.

*Eastward ho!*

*Ego duorum Principum vel magnatum genituras novi, quibus hæc Eclipsis exitium aut graves aliquas calamitates aut difficultates denuntiat, nomina eorum tuto nominari non possunt.* I know the Nativities of two Princes or great persons, to whom this Eclipse portends either Destruction, or many fearfull Calamities: Their names I hold fit to be concealed, *&c.* O'tis like to be a sickly time with some, a bloody and treacherous one with others.

The Eclipse in a Kingly Signe and house, and accompanied with a Kingly fixed Star: It must, according to the course of Nature, be the Forerunner of some more then usuall accident to Emperours, Kings, Queens, Princes, and the chiefest Potentates of *Europe*. *Non enim* Sol *in* Leone *aliis rebus præ est nisi sublimibus & altis, item Regibus, Principus, Generosis viris, & qui ad Gubernacula Reipublicæ sedent.* The Sun in *Leo*, signifieth nothing but what is of an high nature, and Kings, Princes, Gentlemen, and such as sit and govern the Common-wealth.

Here's many old Laws and Customs to be abrogated; here's many ancient Families to be deprived of their Inheritances; here's erection of new Customs, Laws, perhaps a new Government; here's Nation against Nation, as much Plundering at Sea as at Land; here's one would rise to be greater then his forefathers; Ambition deludes him, and Death deprives him of all Monarchicall intents: *Exit.*

Here's a woman as like a Queen as can be, or of the Stock of Princes, probably like to suffer either death or disgrace, as terrible as death, ere the determination of the effects of this Eclipse, and 1647: during which time, *Ubi res ad Pacem inclinare videbitur, illico novis occasionibus, intollerantia puta, cupiditate vindictæ, ambitione, avaritia, callidis consiliis, Bella & odia recrudescent, quæ multis exitio erunt, multos etiam fortunis omnibus spoliatos extorres agent.* When the difference is like to come to a Peace, by and by, what with new occasions, impatience, covetousnesse, desire of revenge, Ambition, crafty Counsels, War and Malice, shall wax worse and worse, even to the destruction

ction of many people: many also shall live like banished men deprived of all Fortune and Means to relieve themselves.

*The God of all Glory and Power, who hath created us, and given us now more War then we expected, He of his goodnesse send us Peace.* (I hope this is no ill Wish.) *Amen.*

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